



CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

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Board want its own meeting room

Commissioners force Probate Court to move

by Shirley D. Schmooch
Special Writer

At a very irregular meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners on Jan. 27, the board managed to cloud a most vital issue. Who's on first and who's on second?

During a Law Enforcement Committee of the Whole meeting, held on the heels of its regular meet-

ing, the Board voted 4-2 — Commissioner Bob Smock and Lynette Corlew being the "no" votes — to take superintending control of the current Probate Court room for all of the board's future meetings.

The presumption of the Board is that, as the County's governing body, they have the final word on allocation of all space in the County Building. Bruce Bretzke said it "the

County Building — not the County Courthouse."

This motion to take away one of the three courtrooms currently in use at the County Building, was in response to an ongoing exchange of communications between Alton T. Davis, Chief Judge for the 46th Circuit Court, and the Board, regarding use of the Circuit Courtroom for board's regular,

twice-monthly meetings. The Board submitted its 1998 meeting schedule to the Judge Davis, and he answered on Jan. 27.

"What I feared has come to pass today," said Judge Davis.

"Each of our three courtrooms were scheduled for court business. By displacing the attorney/referee for the Friend of the Court's office, who had hearings with litigants scheduled in the Probate courtroom, the Board conducted its meeting there.

"Because the attorney/referee moved, visiting Judge George Alexander, who is here trying a jury case, was without chambers, which caused the Court Administrator to be moved out of his office."

And so on, until Judge Davis finally suggested "that it is extremely problematic that the Board will have any success trying to schedule regular meetings in a courtroom during normal business hours of the Court. This is especially likely to be true on Tuesdays."

In a heated discussion about the rights of the people, the Board discussed its own space allocation policy and the need for the public to attend its meetings.

"We're not going to use the basement for our meetings," shot Comm. Dennis Long, after reading the Davis letter. "I'll not have my constituents going down there."

The basement level of the County Building is not wheelchair accessible, nor is there an outside entrance.

There is a plan for an elevator, but it has yet to be installed.

According to Bretzke, the Tuesday meeting day for commissioners was selected a while ago when the then-sitting chair took exception to something thenews Editor of *The Avalanche* had written. By changing the date of their meetings to Tuesday — the busiest day of the week for the newspaper — the commissioners would be assured that the Editor couldn't possibly make their regular meetings due to the newspaper's tight production schedule.

The appropriation of the Probate Courtroom for public use, according to John Hartman, chairman of the board, "will take effect immediately." He then asked Sandra Moore, Crawford County Clerk/Recorder of Deeds, to notify all parties of the Board's decision.

In a written response to this most decisive vote, Chief Judge Alton T. Davis replied, again on Jan. 27:

"I have twice written to Chairman Hartman to inform him that we could not guarantee any of our courtrooms being available to the Commissioners on a regular basis. I have received no reply.

"With the implementation of the new Family Court mandated by the Legislature, our Probate courtroom will be more, not less, busy.

"This problem of space has arisen solely because this year the Commissioners chose to schedule meetings on Tuesdays during normal business hours of the Courts.

The Commissioners can resolve their difficulties by adopting a different schedule.

"Work has been scheduled many months in advance for each of our courtrooms in Crawford County. The space allocated by the public to the Courts years ago to conduct the public's business will continue to be used by the Courts first for court business. The courtrooms will be made available to others as time and circumstances permit."

Commissioner Kathy Black said it might be time for a showdown between the courts and county government.

"County commissioners from all over have been discussing the problems they're having between themselves and the courts. It's primarily about who has control over the employees and the budget," Black said.

"The Legislature has mandated certain things be done, but they haven't given the counties the money to carry the programs out. It probably won't be long before somebody somewhere goes to jail over one or more of these issues."

So, who is on first and who's going to be on second?

That question will remain, but not for long. There's a Probate Court trial set for Feb. 12.

And, the next Commissioner's meeting also is set for Feb. 12 in the former Probate Courtroom — now the Crawford County Public Meeting Room.



Leukemia strikes Beaver Creek fireman

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What if you woke up one morning and found your dreams shattered? Found your kid's plans for college in shambles?

A diagnosis of leukemia would do that, wouldn't it?

Meet: Beaver Creek fireman Roger Weatherly, age 34. Roger was diagnosed with leukemia on Nov. 17. He remembers that day well.

"I found it impossible to believe, at first, but I don't have time to be angry and deny what the doctors have said. I need to spend all of my time and energy on getting well," Weatherly said.

By now, of course, his kids know, his family knows, Beaver Creek firefighters and those at the township hall know that Roger has acute myelogenous leukemia (AML).

But those who love and care about him believe it's now time to tell all his friends, too. His friends are hoping and praying that strangers are only friends that he and his wife Cindy haven't met.

The Weatherlys have agreed they must begin believing that, starting right now — because it's the kindness of strangers they must rely on during what lies ahead for them.

The diagnosis of leukemia — a blood disease in which white blood cells are produced in excess and no longer work properly to fight infections — is not quickly given to any patient. The testing process for Roger Weatherly took months.

"I went for tests, but I kept feeling worse," Roger said, describing flu-

like symptoms. He also experienced a sore throat, and an aching, tired feeling he could not escape.

The doctors decided to do a biopsy — a medical procedure where a small tissue sample is taken and tested. The enlarged node in Roger's neck told the doctors the worst. Once the AML diagnosis was established and the type of leukemia was discerned, "they started to tell us what to expect next," he said.

"From here, we'll go to Harper Hospital in Detroit and it takes a half day just to explain everything. There, they'll check every inch of me for abnormalities and infections. I'm in remission now, and the doctors want to make sure I'm still in remission when they begin the transplant procedure."

Twenty years ago, AML patients like Roger would have been given an abysmal outlook. Since that time, however, due to research and the dramatic new treatments available, especially bone marrow transplants, AML patients can expect higher than a two-thirds chance of recovery, especially if diagnosed early, as was Weatherly.

Maybe it's his Fireman's Luck, but Roger recently passed through the first stage of induction therapy, and says he feels great. That earlier treatment was administered in Traverse City at Munson Medical, and entailed destroying as many abnormal cells as possible to obtain remission of the disease. A combination of drugs was administered, and he required close monitoring for three or four weeks.

Search for a suitable bone marrow

donor must begin as soon after the diagnosis as possible. The bone marrow acts as a production site for new blood cells. When the chemotherapy required to send the patient into remission interrupts this production, bleeding and infections can occur.

"My sister, Dawn, was a perfect match for the transplant," Roger said, obviously delighted. "There is a one in four chance that a brother or sister will be an acceptable bone marrow donor, and we're lucky. Dawn's young and healthy, and she's willing to do this for me."

In speaking with Dawn Burke, sister of Roger, she said she was "sure it's a blessing that we're a match." She also passed along the word that unfortunately Roger's no longer in remission.

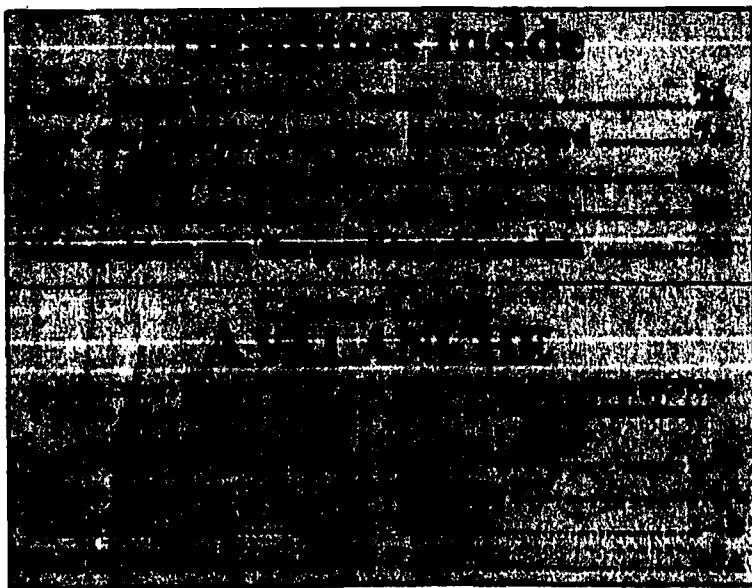
"There are two types of bone marrow transplants," Dawn continued. "Roger's doctor has elected the direct donor-patient type for his treatment. He now must return to Munson for another dose of chemotherapy, but once he's kicked into remission again, and the doctors said that it's rare not to go through this at least twice, the transplant process at Harper Hospital can take place."

Roger has been advised, however, that once at Harper for treatment, he'll initially receive a high dosage of chemotherapy for one week. Right now, however, Dawn advises that "his blast cells — the cancerous cells — must be brought below five percent in order for the transplant to be effective. They are currently registering at thirty percent.

This additional dose of chemotherapy will destroy all possible cancer cells in his own body, but it will nearly incapacitate his own immune system, leaving him vulnerable to infections of all kinds. Remaining in good spirits is important, and Dawn is requesting "that everyone who knows my brother, please pray for him. He's such a good man and he's done so much for other people in his years as a fireman."

The marrow will be extracted from Dawn — this is called the fresh harvest — then mixed with fluids and injected directly into Roger's bone. Whole blood may also be used from his sister. Her blood will be processed and the platelets extracted for future use.

See "Leukemia strikes..." A-2



Grayling patrol on road

by Cheryl A. Ruley
Special Writer

Grayling and Lynne registered their patrol, announced they were on duty, and they were on the road. The Grayling Patrol officers are on duty and they were on the road.

Officer Dave Long and Miss Lynne are a pair of officers who have been patrolling the area and they are on the road. They are on the road and they are on the road.

One specific mission of the patrol is to lower incidences of alcohol-related accidents. The patrol is operating under the influence of alcohol (OUI).

Drivers of automobiles found to be OUI are placed in the same manner as those driving a car or truck in the same condition.

Recklessness and excessive speeds give the officers reason to stop automobiles operators and passengers. The officers have given out numerous citations and have been successful in their mission.

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Annual Winter Wolf Festival at hand

by Cheryl A. Ruley
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Cabin fever should not be a problem this weekend as the 73rd Winter Wolf Festival gets underway Friday evening, at 6 p.m.

The festival will be held at Hanson Hills, Feb. 6-8, with a total of 29 activities planned for all ages and skill levels. There is something for everyone.

The Business Olympics, is the festival's kick-off event. Area business people will

compete in such activities as downhill cardboard vehicle races, snowball throwing and a three-person water relay race.

The Grayling High School Ski Team will lead the traditional Torch Parade and 6th - 12th graders can enjoy a game of volleyball, a BBQ and music, at a mid-winter Beach Party.

With a one dollar purchase of a Winter Wolf Festival Button, attendees can participate in numerous activities.

On Saturday, festival-goers can participate. See "Annual Winter..." pg. A-3



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF NEGOTIATED SALE OF SURPLUS LANDS EXCHANGE CASE NO. 19930102

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2133, Part 21, Subpart 10 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposes to sell the following State-owned land or rights in land by way of public auction:

20 ft. easement, approximately 600 ft. in length over the West 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 36, T27N, R1W, Leaville Township, Crawford County.

The proposed sale of this land or rights in land is being placed on the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) Agenda for public comment prior to being approved by the DNR Director. The next meeting of the Natural Resources Commission is scheduled at the following date, time and location:

February 11, 1998
4:30 p.m.
Lansing Center
333 E. Michigan
Lansing, Michigan

Public appearances before the NRC will begin at 4:30 P.M. and may be scheduled by calling Ma. Theresa Gloden, NRC Secretary, at 517-373-2352.

The complete list of negotiated sales proposed by the Department is available by contacting Mr. Robert L. Courvour, Real Estate Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30448, Lansing, Michigan 48909. Phone (517) 335-3259.

PLEASE NOTE: This notice is not a solicitation for bids. Special circumstances have created the need to release the listed property to an approved land exchange applicant. Negotiations concerning the terms of the sale have been completed with the applicant and are being submitted for approval by the Director following the above-referenced meeting.

Public asked to vote on County flag

by Cheryl A. Ruley
Special Writer

Which flag will fly for Crawford County?

On Feb 5-6, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., ballots cast by county voters will decide which one of six flag designs entered best describes or represents the attributes of Crawford County.

Voting will take place at the county building, where the designs are on display for public viewing.

Entries were made by Rachel South, Thomas Galvani, Mar Bradburn, A.J. Copeland, W. Smith and a Grayling High School government class, with Crystal Savoy as the artist.

The Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) is sponsoring the contest that has a lot of counties revamping the county flags, that were designed by J.L. Hudson Company back in the 1940s, to hang in the state capital.

Over many years, the counties' personalities have evolved and many of the flags' representations have become outdated. This project creates the opportunity for counties to extol the virtues of their current images.

Once a flag design is chosen, it is sent to MAC. Then, a graphic design company will be employed to "smooth out the rough spots" and the finished design is sent to the

Better Buy Flag Company in Lapeer, where the flag becomes a reality.

There are no monetary prizes or awards in this contest. The reward

to the winning designer is the satisfaction of knowing their flag is flying at the Michigan Library and Historical Center in Lansing, along with other Michigan county flags.



NEW FLAGS — Sandy Moore, Crawford County Clerk and chief elections officer, is conducting a different kind of voting this week. Citizens are invited to vote for their favorite among a half dozen entries to pick a new flag and logo for Crawford County.

Leukemia strikes Beaver Creek fireman

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A brother or sister is ideally suited to this form of donor-patient transplant, and once the platelets are removed, the blood is sent back into the donor so that no anemia occurs. A donor may give blood twice a week through this procedure, and the blood may even be frozen for future use.

"Because I'm still nursing my new son — Keegan is 10 weeks old — the doctors were not sure at first how or when we could proceed. But it's all worked out now, and we've both been thoroughly checked out. As soon as Roger comes back from Traverse City, we'll be ready to go. The direct harvest method is considered to have a 100 percent efficiency rate, and I'm all for efficiency," Dawn said.

Many factors enter into the decision to undergo bone marrow transplant. The type of leukemia is considered, the age of the patient, the type of treatment already given, and the response to earlier treatment. Almost every patient undergoing this type of treatment is less than 65 years of age. Both patient and donor have their own doctor or patient advocate.

The cost of extracting bone marrow from a patient for use or storage is between \$10,000 and \$15,000. This does not include the hospital stay for either patient or donor, and it does not include the cost of chemotherapy required prior to

transplant. The hospital stay for Roger is expected to be up to five months after he receives the marrow transplant. These costs are expected to run as high as \$80,000.

Unfortunately for Roger Weatherly, a Beaver Creek Fireman, he does not have medical coverage. He has used up all of his vacation time in diagnosis and treatment. The family is currently struggling to keep things together. Cindy works at Radco Manufacturing in Prudenville, but Cindy does not have family medical coverage either.

"We're in this one day at a time," she said, "but we have each other and we have a lot of hope that Roger will be okay."

A benefit dinner will be held on March 21 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Grayling. Tickets are \$5 per dinner and \$15 per family. Tickets may be purchased at Chemical Bank North of Grayling, Citizens Bank of Grayling, Charlie's Country Corners at 4-Mile and I-75 South, and at Cut Above in the Grayling Mini Mall. Other ticket purchasing sites may be listed at a later date.

Donation canisters may be found throughout the area with Cindy and Roger's picture on the front. Green slips from Glens and donations will be greatly appreciated. Larger donations may be safely directed to Traci Nelson, Chemical Bank North, I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, MI 49738. The Weatherlys have two children, Danielle 16 and Shawn 12. They have lived in the Beaver Creek area for 20 years. Roger has been a fireman for Beaver Creek Township since 1982.

Dawn Burke and her husband, Michael, live in Grand Haven with son, Keegan. Michael operates his own building company called Modern Homes of Muskegon.

Spring 1998



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Instructor: Kay Thomas-Hogan

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Location: Grayling High School

Fee: \$30 Plus you own supplies

Basic starter and continuation course, students will study basic concepts such as color wheel, shading techniques and proportion techniques.

Instructor: Penny Sendek

Tuesday

Watercolor/Drawing

7 - 9 pm

Location: Grayling High School

Fee: \$30 Plus you own supplies

Basic starter and continuation course, students will study basic concepts such as color wheel, shading techniques and proportion techniques.

Instructor: Sherry Graciano

Tuesday

Circuit Training
7 - 8 pm

Location: Newly-expanded
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Woodshop • 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Location: Grayling High School

Fee: \$30 Plus you own supplies

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Wednesday

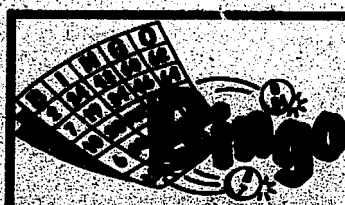
Intro to Computers
6 - 9 pm

Location: Grayling High School

Fee: \$50

This course is a 15-week introductory course to computer usage. The basic objective is to acquaint students with an application program which will perform spreadsheet, database and word processing tasks. Specifically the Microsoft Works program will be used, with the South-Western bok Microsoft Works Tutorial and Applications used as the classroom text.

Instructor: Pete Ingvarsson



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Thursday - 7 pm
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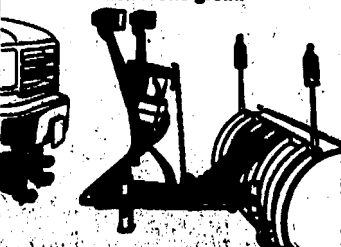
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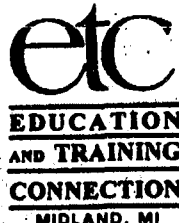
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BELIZE: January 17 - 25, March 14 - 22, July 11 - 19
CARIBBEAN CRUISE: January 6 - 20, January 21 - February 4
CHINA: April 20 - May 9, June 29 - July 18, September 14 - October 3, October 5 - 24, October 19 - November 7
COSTA RICA: January 2 - 13, February 6 - 17, March 13 - 24, May 1 - 12
EGYPT: January 4 - 16, March 1 - 13, June 28 - July 10, October 11 - 23, Nov. 8 - 20
GALAPAGOS ISLANDS & ECUADOR: March 14 - 27, June 27 - July 10, August 1 - 14, September 26 - October 9
GREECE: May 7 - 18, June 25 - July 6, October 1 - 12
KENYA: January 5 - 21, June 8 - 24, July 6 - 22, July 27 - August 12, October 12 - 28
INDONESIA: February 11 - 25, May 13 - 27, August 5 - 19, October 14 - 28
IRELAND: April 9 - 23, July 9 - 23, September 10 - 24
ISRAEL: February 23 - March 8, March 16 - 29, June 15 - 28, September 14 - 27
ITALY: February 7 - 21, April 11 - 25, July 11 - 25, November 7 - 21
MOROCCO: February 7 - 21, March 14 - 28, July 11 - 25, October 3 - 17
NOVA SCOTIA: July 12 - 26, August 2 - 16, September 20 - October 4
SOUTH AFRICA: January 16 - February 2, April 3 - 20, June 26 - July 13, September 11 - 28
TURKEY: April 23 - May 9, July 4 - 18, September 12 - 26

For more information Call:
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Task Force focuses on local drug problem; group hopes to launch mentoring program

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

A Community Task Force to promote an alcohol, tobacco and drug-free student population met at the AuSable Primary Media Center on Jan. 26 in Grayling to discuss the high rate of drug and alcohol usage among area students.

The Problem: Drugs

Survey results of an extensive drug and alcohol usage among area students was discussed. The test was given nation-wide by skilled administrators from Western Michigan University, and it should be a wake-up call for parents, teachers and law enforcement agencies across the country.

The results for the Grayling area surprised many, especially the drug use portion. The national average for drug use within the last 30-days is 39 percent. Drug use as defined as "being any illicit substance, not inhalers, alcohol or steroids," for Grayling area was: **48.6 percent** for 8th Grade students; **46.8 percent** for 10th Grade students; and **70.0 percent** for 12th Grade students.

Those in attendance at the Task Force meeting said they'd read or had heard about the study, but seeing the hard numbers and comparing the data as presented by Crawford AuSable Schools Superintendent, Kent Reynolds, and Federal Programs Facilitator, Pete Ingvarsson, appeared to leave many in the audience stunned.

Case Illustration: the hard facts

Marijuana use was 35 percent, 40 percent, and 66.7 for the above listed age groups. Crack cocaine use, while the national average was 2 percent, again, the respective age

groups for our children were 7 percent of 8th Graders. The remaining statistics were 2 percent for 10th Grade and 3.5 percent for 12th — still above the national average.

"Who does it and where does it come from?" were the most commonly asked questions. The sparse number of parents who attended wanted to know and the students were willing to tell them.

"Their parents do drugs and the kids get it from them," was the unanimous answer from the students.

Reynolds said, "and they do it — drugs and alcohol — with friends, at parties, and in cars. The safest place," he continued, "seems to be school. And, they don't do it so much at home either."

Of those trying drugs from 1 - 6 times in the last 30 days, 28 percent of the 8th Graders admitted to this, 29 percent of the 10th and 45 percent of the 12th Graders.

Reynolds said that through student admissions to counselors and teachers, they were having trouble at home. Student, Tasheena Joseph, agreed.

"Kids do marijuana and alcohol because they're having problems, not just at home but at school too. They can't go to their families, so they seek out a safe environment like dances and parties to talk about these things with their friends."

Several middle school students were in the audience and they echoed Ms. Joseph's remarks. Peer pressure and having parents who set horrible examples for their children were the most common denominators in their discussion.

"Parents need to set a good exam-

ple, but they're not," said Reynolds.

Another problem cited by the students was "older siblings." Kids in middle school are influenced by older brothers and sisters and their friends.

A possible solution — Community Mentoring

When "what to do about it" came to the floor, discussion began to center upon creating a source of reliable community influence to combat the problem.

Battling public apathy with words and statistics usually doesn't work, and digging into the sand to cover up may not be an acceptable option.

The students present agreed to create a listing of the people they'd like to meet, to work with in small groups, and the subjects and professions they'd like to pursue.

The rest of the community is being asked to consider the following method of attacking the drug and alcohol problem where it lives — in Grayling, in Frederic, and across Crawford County.

The Mentor's Mission: Make a Difference

A mentor is an advisor, a person who has a talent or specific talents and is willing to exhibit and lend those talents to a local youngster. Mentors come in all sizes and shapes; they also come in all ages and the Task Force is hoping many of them will come out of retirement and join this important mission.

An exact mentoring plan is raw and ragged, but it's shaping up. Getting people to square one is to ask them to examine their special gifts. What could they show or tell a youngster as were a mentor?

The objective is to match volun-

teer mentors with students for as much as 2-4 hours a month. One mentor — say a computer repair person — might have 3-4 students to work with at the same time. A wood carver might have 2 or 10. A painter might have 3, while an expert in motorcycles might not have enough space to meet with them all.

Skilled retirees, service clubs, Eagles, Boosters, Masonic and Star members, Chamber of Commerce, Grayling Promotional Association, Downtown Businessmen and women, Frederic Hobby Club, Lovells Cheerful Givers, firemen and police officer, fly fishermen and women, hobbyists — all are potential sources for mentors.

The Task Force also seeks direct input from representatives from New Life Community Services, substance abuse counselors, the 4-H Club.

Willing mentors may contact the Office of the Superintendent, Crawford AuSable Schools, Grayling, MI 49738, with name, their skill or talent, and where they may be reached. Scheduling will be made around individual availability.

The Task Force will meet again on Feb. 16 at the AuSable Primary Media Center in Grayling at 7 p.m. All interested and concerned people are invited.

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Grayling Township mulls controls on yard sales

by Cheryl A. Ruley
Special Writer

How long should a garage or yard sale be allowed to last in Grayling Township? Supervisor Terry Wright has received some complaints regarding season-long sales in the township.

Some property owners are concerned about these on-going "businesses" and the eye-sores they create when some of those running the sales accumulate too much clutter on their property.

Wright has provided township board members with sample ordinances, from townships located down-state, regulating garage and yard sales. Trustees decided that the information should be passed on to the Township Planning Commission for review and recommendation.

Before an ordinance on garage and yard sales could be adopted, the issue of cost to the township, among other things, would have to be considered.

For example, if a permit were needed to hold a sale, how much

would the permit fee cost and how would the ordinance be enforced?

Would it be cost effective to send a township official out to police the yard sales and ticket those without a permit?

How long is a fair and reasonable amount of time for a garage or yard sale? And, how many sales would a resident be allowed to hold in one year?

Are some residents running a business, in the true sense of the word, without going through the proper township and county government channels, in order to do so?

As spring approaches, more sales will dot the township's landscape with signs and attention-grabbing flags. Most sales will come and go, but some will run from Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day.

The final question is: Will township officials find a need to regulate garage and yard sales, or are the few perpetually-held sales just isolated incidents that should be brushed off with a shrug of township shoulders?

Annual Winter Wolf Festivities at hand

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in group cross county and downhill ski lessons. There will also be a group ice skating lesson. Seat ski and snowboard demonstrations will be available, followed by competitions and games. Saturday is also \$1 Downhill Ski Night, starting at 4 p.m. Downhill ski races for all ages will begin at 6 p.m.

Sunday's activities open with the Lumberjack Breakfast from 8 - 11 a.m. Cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for kids 12 and under.

The Chili Cook-Off will be held from noon - 3 p.m. Taste, then vote for your favorite recipe with a one dollar contribution. Area restaurants wishing to enter the cook-off should contact Kim Schmidt at 348-7611.

The Snowshoe Archery Challenge will be held 12:30 pm - 2:30 p.m. A nature walk on snowshoes will take place at 2 pm for those looking for a more serene activity.

A downhill obstacle race is at 1 p.m. at the top of the Bowl.

Horse drawn sleigh rides are available, both Saturday and Sunday at \$5 per person, but riders must call ahead for reservations at 348-9266.

All weekend, Winter Wolf Raffle tickets will be sold with some

impressive ski packages as prizes. Also, an on-going bake sale and 50/50 raffle will be held.

Something new this year is ice sculptor Rosco Clark. Throughout the weekend festival, Rosco will demonstrate this shimmering and fascinating art form.

The festival will end Sunday afternoon, with an awards ceremony and raffle drawings at the Main Lodge, starting at 3 p.m.

Winter Wolf Festival Buttons and raffle tickets are available at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce or at Hanson Hills' main office.

Volunteers are still needed to sell raffle tickets around the park during festival hours. Those interested in helping may call Director Cindy Olson, at 348-9266.

Cindy said that just seven years ago, the Winter Wolf Festival had only eight activities. Hanson Hills staff members and community winter sports lovers have managed to put together a formidable family weekend of fun this year.

Cindy remarked that she would like to see the Winter Wolf Festival reach out into the City of Grayling, getting the whole town involved in the "festival mood".

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OPINIONS

EDITOR

ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Let Princess Diana rest in peace

EVEN IN DEATH, there seems to be no end in sight to exploitation of Great Britain's Princess Diana.

Psychologists enjoyed a field day when the Princess was killed last spring, offering theories and reasons for the mass outpouring of concern and sympathy nearing hysteria.

It was especially heavy in the British Isles, but Diana-phobia enveloped this country, too. America did spring from British roots after all, and in many ways, the apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

Great outpourings of sobs and sympathy at the time might be understandable and even reasonable. Apparently it's not over yet.

Millions of copies of the Elton John musical tribute at Diana's funeral have been sold, and sales continue brisk.

Now, in Great Britain, they're selling tickets for \$8 to \$15 each to visit her grave.

On the first day grave visitation tickets went on sale, more than 10,000 calls were received on the 220 around-the-clock phone lines Diana's family had set up to handle ticket orders; 700 calls came in the first 45 minutes.

Tickets are limited to six per person, with "only" 152,000 available.

For their money, buyers will get a chance to see Diana's grave, sometime between July 1 and Aug. 30.

Reason for selling this controlled voyeurism? To raise funds for charitable works of a Diana foundation.

Does anyone else find this whole project by the Spencer family just a bit inappropriate — even bordering on the ghoulish — for both the sellers and the buyers?

And Diana phobia doesn't end there.

One of today's more popular and overused fund-raising devices — a memorial concert — is being organized by Diana's brother, Earl Spencer, for June at the family estate in central England. About 15,500 tickets are being hawked at \$15.50 each.

Once more, the beneficiary is announced as the Diana memorial fund.

If there is such a thing as profiteering for charity, the Diana promotions are near the brink.

Will it never end? Why can't those who profess their love and respect for the late Princess of Wales — especially her family members — let her rest in peace?

Enough is enough, and too much is too much.

NON SEQUITUR — Raising the national minimum wage level looms anew as a topic of national debate.

In his State of the Union message, President Bill Clinton proposed another minimum wage hike. This is on the heels of similar action in 1996 which raised the minimum wage from \$4.25 an hour to \$5.15 over two years.

As if on cue, a couple of veteran wage boosters jumped aboard.

Sen. Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts and Rep. David Bonior of Michigan promised to introduce legislation to raise the minimum wage again each year over the next three years, and assuring almost annual increases after that by tying the minimum wage to the inflation rate.

All the old familiar arguments will be heard again, of course, and probably some new ones, too.

For example, Mr. Bonior, No.2 Democrat in the House, already has weighed in with a novel rationale for higher minimum wage.

"Last year," Mr. Bonior claimed, "more than a thousand people on Wall Street got bonuses of \$1 million."

That's an interesting observation, but what's the connection? Maybe Mr. Bonior should propose a minimum bonus level for brokers and money handlers, but most employees on Wall Street most likely already are far above any minimum wage even a Bonior-Kennedy team could conjure.

Mr. Bonior has come up with a non sequitur. As a former Jesuit seminarian, he should recognize one when he uses it.

CLOSING QUOTE More than a month ago, conservative columnist Joseph Sobran ended an essay about President Clinton's problems with these thoughts:

"Surely not all of the myriad of charges made against Clinton can be true. But has anyone ever made a charge against him that left Hillary Clinton looking surprised?"

Not yet, Mr. Sobran.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

U.S. flag is not just a piece of cloth

To the editor:

In the Jan. 8, 1998, edition of The Avalanche, Columnist Dick Milliman stated that it is not necessary to have a Constitutional amendment to protect the United States flag from desecration; that it is the ideal that the flag stands for that needs to be protected, not the "piece of cloth."

The "piece of cloth" is the representation of our country and the freedom that our country provides. It is that "piece of cloth" that many millions of our country's finest men and women have given up years of their lives and many thousands gave their life to uphold and defend. For over 200 years it was unlawful to desecrate it until five men on the Supreme Court, not the whole Court, decided that acts of destruction and debasing was speech, not vandalism or other lawless acts.

When Congress passed another law to protect the flag and thus our

nation's and its ideals, the same five men ruled it unconstitutional and thus, in effect, ruled that the only way to protect the flag and our country's ideal was to amend the Constitution. It is not considered free speech for the Klu Klux Klan to burn a cross, so why should it be free speech for an anti-American to burn a flag. Both are acts of destruction!

Next to God and country, the flag is a special symbol of our country and should be treated with proper respect. The latest poll of registered voters show that 78 percent of them support amending the Constitution to protect the flag. I hope the voters show this in this year's Congressional elections by voting against any candidate who votes against the Flag Protection Amendment, no matter which party the candidate is from.

Arthur R. Thayer, Grayling

Grayling High School Band provides outstanding effort

To the editor,

I feel the outstanding efforts of the Grayling High School Band need to be brought to everyone's attention.

Most of the other schools, before a game, play a weak, crackly rendition of what I think is the National Anthem. It may be Louis B. Armstrong playing "It's a Beautiful World," because you really can't tell!!

Not when you come to Grayling! From the school song to the National Anthem these kids are

spectacular. They are as dedicated as any athlete and need to be recognized. These kids get the crowd to their feet and help get the players "jazzed" to do battle with the other team.

If you haven't been to a home basketball game yet, do yourself a favor and attend one. From the Band to the exciting brand of basketball from the JV's and the Varsity squad, it's a great night at the gym. See you at the game.

Gary Fox, Grayling

TIPS FROM GRAYLING MERCY HOSPITAL

by Mary Jo Conway, Director, Community Relations

You deserve the best of care

When it comes to health care, we all want the best. But how do we go about getting the attention and care we deserve? Becoming informed and involved is a good start. Following these tips may help:

Know your health coverage. It's wise to know the ins and outs of your health insurance plan before you need it. Before beginning a new plan, determine which doctors and facilities participate, whether any medications or tests are excluded, the cost of monthly premiums and any deductible. If the plan doesn't meet your needs, you may want to make other arrangements.

Choose the right doctor. Every patient should have a personal physician. A doctor you visit regularly will spot changes in your health and can ensure that you get proper care. Ask friends and family to recommend a physician they trust, or seek advice from your local health department or hospital.

Educate yourself. Doing some homework will help you to have a more informed discussion with your doctor. Home medical references, the public library or Mercy Healthline are good places to start if you have health questions.

And national organizations, such as the American Heart Association and American Cancer Society, can provide pamphlets and other materi-

als. The National Health Information Center (call 1-800-336-4797) can provide telephone number for more than 1,000 national health organizations. It also posts contact information at <http://nhicent.health.org> on its Internet site.

You can find a lot of health information on the Internet, but not all of it is accurate and up-to-date. Check with your physician before acting on anything you read or hear, no matter what the source.

Ask questions. You should feel welcome to ask questions of physicians. Expect straightforward answers. If you are confused about something your doctor says, or if you are unsure why he or she is recommending a test or procedure, ask for a clarification. Sometimes there is a communication gap between everyday language and medical terminology.

If you are uncertain of your doctor's advice, you can ask for a second opinion. In most cases your doctor will understand your concerns and help resolve them. But if there is a problem in your relationship with a doctor, you can change physicians.

We all expect and deserve the best when it comes to health care. But we have a responsibility to seek out the right care, at the right place, at the right cost.

EDITOR

Let the President do his job

To the editor:

Regarding Clinton hankie-pankie: Sin City U.S.A. Washington D.C. The pot calling the kettle black. Congressmen and Senators alike with their holier than thou attitudes. Ye who are without sin judging his fellow man. Who cares what the President does sexually? He's been

doing a great job as president, and the cry babies don't like it. Congress can't find anything better to do with their time and us taxpayers money! Us taxpayers are a bunch of idiots to keep them in office.

Judy Duke, Roscommon

HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

Q: It seems like all we do in the winter is watch TV. Are other families like ours? Is this why so many Americans are overweight?

According to the University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter, on average Americans watch 25 to 40 hours of TV per week and the more TV they watch the more likely they are to be obese. However, it is hard to determine if television watching actually leads to obesity or if obese people simply watch more television rather than engage in hard-to-do exercises.

Some studies have seemed to suggest that prolonged TV watching can actually lower your resting metabolic rate. This means TV watching for overweight people is actually one of the worst activities in which they can engage, except for eating.

When researchers conducted a formal study to determine just how many calories are consumed while watching TV, it turned out to be 93 calories per hour, actually about the same as sitting and reading. This is not much more than lying motionless in bed, which burns 77 calories per hour. Another problem associated with TV viewing is the amount of junk food consumed while watching.

To lessen the impact TV viewing has on your own family's weight, try these simple suggestions:

•Don't leave the TV on when there is really no suitable program. This only encourages you to sit down and start watching.

•Try to set limits on TV watching that the whole family can abide by, including children.

•Help children select from programs that are age appropriate and keep TV watching as a special treat for after homework, chores, play-

time, etc. or does some other physical activity.

•Eating before the TV should involve low fat, low calorie snacks, such as fruits and vegetables or popcorn.

•Put exercise equipment in front of the TV set to encourage their use while watching.

•Learn some "armchair aerobics" to do while watching TV.

•Get up and exercise, or walk around during commercials.

Correction suggested on name of Rasmus Hanson's grandson

To the editor,

In the Dec. 24, 1997 editions of The Avalanche, I read your interesting article regarding the walkway closing at Lake Margrethe. You mentioned a grandson of Rasmus Hanson, one Ralph Fortier.

Rasmus Hanson never had a grandson by that name. You were referring to Ralph Hanson Routier,

the great grandson of Rasmus Hanson. Yes, I was the one who said, "I can't believe he's closed off the walk. It's been there forever."

Just wanted to set the record straight.

Ralph H. Routier

P.S. I have been a subscriber to the "Grayling Snowslide" almost forever.

Bottle fence builder named

To the editor:

Your paper of Jan. 22, 1998 had a picture of the bottle fence at Waters.

Our father, Oscar Leonard Swanson, built the fence, around the year 1925, and also the fireplaces in the Hart Lake Club.

The fence was located south of the Hart Lake Club and parallel to old

U.S.-27.

Henry Stephens had a baseball team that played and beat teams from Detroit.

Mrs. Lillian Swanson Rutledge, Winter Haven, Fla., and

Mrs. Dorothy Swanson McClain, Sand Lake, Mich.

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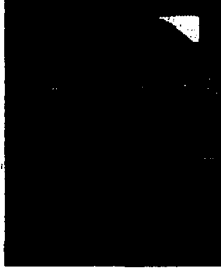
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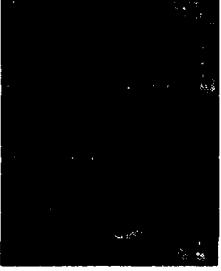
Betty asks...

Question of the week:


Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Are you planning on doing anything romantic?



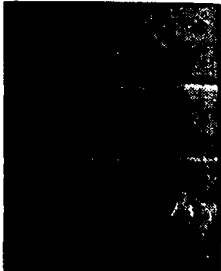
Tom Wellman
Grayling, MI
"After 30 years, yes. Most likely take her out to dinner and buy her flowers...if she has any money"



Jan Annis
Grayling, MI
"I have to work...bummer... But maybe, hubby will take me out to dinner"



Jessica Hall
Grayling, MI
"I hope... Ted Kolka will take me to dinner at Boone's and I will give him a copy of the Avalanche, so he'll know."



Larry Porter
Grayling, MI
"Just loving my wife like I have for the past 38 years. Plus...I'll give her a gift"

There you have it...It looks like Grayling has a lot of romantic people.

Betty Pearl
Advertising Representative
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This week's question was asked Friday in the Grayling area

BRIEFS

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Beaver Creek Picnic Committee to meet

The Beaver Creek Township Picnic Committee will meet on Sunday, Feb. 8, 1998, at 2 p.m. at the Township Hall, 8994 S. Oak Rd., Grayling. Anyone interested in helping on the Picnic Committee should attend. Those wishing to help the day of the picnic but not be on the Committee are also welcome to attend. If you can't be at the meeting and still want to help please contact Lee Riley at the Township Office (517) 275-8878 during regular office hours or (517) 275-9913 evenings. The Township looks forward to an even bigger and better picnic this year, on August 15, 1998.

Kirtland Garden Club to meet

If the groundhog sees his shadow will we have six more weeks of winter or will we have six more weeks of winter if he doesn't see it? What ever it is you bet we won't be able to be out in the garden yet, so join us for our February meeting. We will be meeting at the Congregational Church in Roscommon on Feb. 16, 1998 at 1 p.m. for "Garden Talk." For more information call Barb at (517) 275-5832 or Jean at (517) 366-5169.

Welcome Wagon Newcomers Club

Welcome Wagon Newcomers Club will meet Monday, Feb. 9, at 6 p.m. for dinner and program at the Grayling Holiday Inn. Roy Spangler from the MSU Extension Service will be the speaker. For more information call Rose Smith 348-5598 or Betty Mansfield 348-8562.

Lions Club Lucky 13 winner

Lions Club week four winner is Marion MacAvley.

Red Cross Disaster training meeting

Volunteers interested in Red Cross Disaster training can call Director Patty Simpson at 1-800-691-6059.

Alma College Dean's list for fall 1997

Alma College has named nearly 400 students to the Dean's List for outstanding academic performance during the 1997 Fall Term which ended December 12. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits (at least eight of which are evaluative grades), are named to the Dean's List.

Three Grayling students were named to the Dean's List and they were: Sarah Amman, Deborah Choszczyk and Jaime Vendeville.

Master Gardeners Society meeting set

You are invited to attend the Master Gardeners Society February meeting at the Lyon Township Hall at Higgins Lake on Monday, Feb. 9 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The group will be discussing "Compost - Is It Just Garbage?" Come and learn how to help the environment and your gardens at the same time. For additional information, call the President of MGS at (517) 275-5832.

American Red Cross board meeting set

The American Red Cross Northern Lower Michigan Chapter will be holding its board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gaylord Service Center, 810 S. Otsego Drive, Gaylord, Mich. The public is welcome.

Zoe Lapka would like to hear from friends

Zoe Lapka is very ill and would like to receive cards and/or letters from friends for support. Her current address is: Porter Hills Village, 3600 E. Fulton; Grand Rapids, Mich. 49546.

Share sign-up at COA on Feb. 9

There will be a SHARE sign-up Feb. 9, 1998 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Commission on Aging. The SHARE pick-up will be Feb. 27 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints on N. Down River Rd.

18th annual Beaver Creek Challenge supports community services

The 18th Annual Beaver Creek Challenge Cross-Country Ski Race will take place on Sunday, Feb. 8, 1998. This year the Higgins Lake Lions Club and Hospice of Michigan organized the race after the AuSable Valley Nordic Ski Club ran it so successfully for the past several years. All proceeds from the race will go to support local community projects and services.

The Beaver Creek Challenge is a time-honored event much anticipated by its snow-hungry participants and spectators. The freestyle ski race is open to all ages. Participants choose between one of three races available: a 2 km (kids only ages 5-13), 6 km, or

12 km. The race will be held at the North Higgins Lake State Park at the Cross-Country Trail system located one mile east of US-27 at Military Road exit or take I-75 to exit 244 and go west four miles. A state permit is required for parking. Registration can be made in advance or at the race. Registration on race day begins at 10:30 a.m. with the first race to follow at noon. Cost for the 2 km race is \$3. The cost of the 6 km and 12 km race in advance is, under age 18 -- \$10, for age 18 and above the cost is \$20, including a T-shirt. The adult race is limited to 140 entrants. For more information call the Cross-Country Ski Headquarters at (517) 821-6661.

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POWER RESTORED — Jim (left) and Hank Abney, of Grayling, recently spent two weeks helping electrical linemen restore power in New York. Catching the fish pictured here was a lot easier!

Jim and Hank Abney help ease power crisis in New York

Jim and Hank Abney of Grayling were loaned to Niagra Mohawk Electric in New York State, for two weeks to help restore power in eight towns, including Gouverneur, Edwards, and Canton in New York.

It was quite an experience for both of them. They went into Canada driving a bucket truck, along with about 20 crews from Local 17, joining up with over 800 crews in New York alone. They went into Buffalo, then Syracuse and on to Canton where they slept on a mattress on the gym floor at St. Lawrence College, and ate in a soup line.

Power came from a generator, so it was cold at night there. They were

bussed to the job site by school buses, as there was no school. Working so many hours, both got sick, and so did many others, so a doctor came to the gym to check them out.

One lesson they learned: It costs money to work in New York -- as both paid almost \$500 a week in New York tax.

The big lesson was that since the electrical industry is in troubled times, everyone should own a generator if possible. Those who did fared better.

The are both happy to be back working in Michigan. Jim and Hank are electrical linemen who work for Hinkle and McCoy in Rochester Hills.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The sheriff's office reported one criminal sexual conduct type 1100; one criminal sexual conduct type 1103; two assaults; one burglary; one larceny, one Forg/Coint; one fraud.

One property damage, two obstruction of justice, three public peace, 11 health and safety, two invasion of property, two Conserv, one miscellaneous crime, one SrvComPap, two minors.

Nineteen accidents, one civil traffic, two traffic safety PR, one snowmobile, one false alarm, one other accident,

three civil family trouble, three suspect, one general assistance, and 18 general non-criminal.

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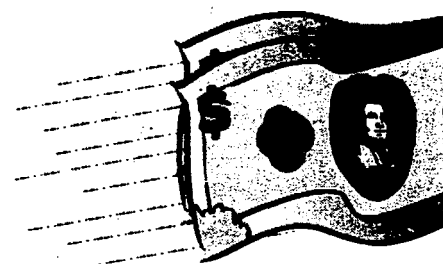
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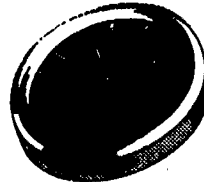
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4th Grade Vocal Music Concert
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THURS 5	•TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. For more information call Mary Kay, 348-1398. •MERCY AMICARE Hospice Services Bereavement support groups @ St. Mary's Learning Center, 702 Peninsular, 3-5 pm. For more information call Mary Beth Dettling, 1-800-424-1457. •AUSABLE VALLEY Snowmobile Association meeting @ Grayling Holiday Inn, 7 pm. •BEYOND THE GARDEN WALL Club meeting @ Michelson Memorial Church, 7 pm. For information call 348-7905. •FRESH BBB vs. Tawas, away, 6 pm. •MS BBB vs. Tawas, 7th home, 8th away •4TH GRADE vocal music concert @ GE gym, 7 pm.
FRI 6	•VAR & JV BBB vs. Pinconning, away, 6:15 pm.
SAT 7	•ACT test date. •ACT for 7th & 8th grade @ MS, 8-1. •COOR talent search.
SUN 8	•ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 9	•KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •WELCOME WAGON newcomers meeting @ Mercy Hospital, 6 pm. Call Betty Mansfield or Rose Smith, 348-5598, for more information. •FRESH BBB vs. Pinconning, home, 6 pm. •JV VOLLEYBALL vs. Pinconning, away, 6 pm. •SCHOOL BOARD meeting @ GE conference room, 7 pm.
TUES 10	•AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY meeting @ Citizens Bank, 1 pm. •GPA MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •VAR & JV BBB vs. Oscoda, home, 6:15 pm. •CRAWFORD COUNTY RESOURCE Council meeting @ Mercy Hospital private dining room 12 noon to 1:30 pm.
WED 11	•ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •LIONS CLUB meeting @ Breaker's Steak House, 6:30 pm. •VAR VOLLEYBALL vs. Bay City John Glenn & Oscoda @ Oscoda, 6 pm. •JV VOLLEYBALL vs. Oscoda, home, 6 pm.

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The Bible Speaks Radical Right?

From the Calvary
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What is the Radical Right? What does it stand for? Is it good or bad? Using the Thesaurus in the Microsoft Word for Windows as a modern tool let us examine these terms. The word "right" has the meaning of just, suitable, correct, sane, front, rightful and claim. The synonyms listed for the word "right" are just, equitable, legitimate, upright, honest, good, and lawful. Right sounds good so far!

The word "radical" has two diverse meanings, first as fundamental, then as revolutionary. The fundamental synonyms listed are fundamental, basic, essential, ingrained, innate, original and constitutional. The political conservatives of the radical right identify their position as fundamental. They stress allegiance to the U.S. Constitution. They believe in the original purpose and meanings of our historical documents. They follow the historical and traditional views of ethics and morality.

Most social conservatives of the radical right base their views of justice upon God and the Bible. (Genesis 18:25b) ... Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? (Psalms 119:142) "Thy righteousness is an everlasting

righteousness, and thy law is the truth." Psalms 19:8 "The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes." (Psalms 33:4) "For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth." (Deuteronomy 6:18a) "And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the LORD." (Psalms 119:128) "Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way."

Those who oppose the radical right view such people as revolutionary. The synonyms listed for revolutionary adjectives under the word "radical" are revolutionary, excessive, seditious, refractory, extravagant, extreme, fanatical, violent, and immoderate. The synonyms listed for revolutionary nouns are revolutionist, extremist, leftist, fanatic, insurgent, nonconformist, rebel and ultraist.

There are diametrically opposed views between those who trust in God, the Bible, the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, and those who trust in their own opinions as authoritative.

Right is to the latter, subjective and individual, rather than divine, objective and absolute. They believe like Israel of old in Judges 17:6b "...every man did that which was right in his own eyes." But God warns against such subjective trust: (Proverbs 14:12) "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." There are consequences to our choices.

Remember: (Proverbs 14:34) "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Morality beats money. (Proverbs 16:8) "Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right." Choosing money over morality leads to evil. (Psalms 52:3) "Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah." Job's question is still relevant? (Job 34:17) "Shall even he that hatch right govern? and wilt thou condemn him that is most just?" Pastor "B"

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Guest Evangelist Klug at Burning Bush

Reverend Robert Klug will be ministering as a guest evangelist, Sunday, Feb. 8 through Wednesday, Feb. 11 at Burning Bush Tabernacle, located at 501 E. Michigan. The services will be 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday and 7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Reverend Klug began full time ministry as a campus Pastor in 1984, holding weekly services at Central Michigan University. At the same time, he assumed a staff position at Central Michigan Assembly of God.

In 1987 Rev. Klug became Senior Pastor of Victory Christian Center in Gaylord. Victory Christian Center more than quadrupled in size as the presence of God moved among his

people. The community began experiencing a powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Signs, wonders and miracles became the norm for each service as the winds of revival continued to blow.

Rev. Klug moved to Asheville, North Carolina in 1995 to Pastor the Storehouse Christian Center. God's revival fire continued to sweep over the church, bringing change and revival to his people. The call to make this ministry available to other areas of the body grew stronger in

Rev. Klug's heart (Luke 4:42-43). Thus, the vision for Never The Same Ministries was birthed to bring revival to the church nationally. He feels the church is being prepared for the finest hour it has ever seen. With a fresh word from God and the anointing of the Holy Ghost, he believes the church will take its rightful place and never be the same.

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WMU honors Grayling students

KALAMAZOO — A total of 2,718 students are included on the dean's list for the fall semester of the 1997-98 academic year at Western Michigan University.

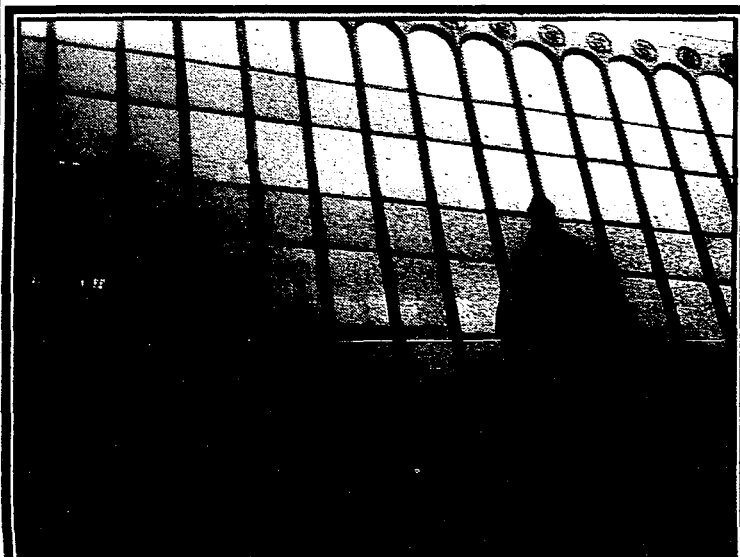
To be eligible, students must have compiled at least a 3.5 grade point average (on a scale of 4.0 being all A's) in at least 14 hours of graded class work.

Two Grayling students made the Dean's list:

Shawn P. Hubbard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hubbard, 2902 Margrethe Blvd., majoring in English.

Gretchen Ross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Ross, 1314 Ole Dam Rd. majoring in Elementary Education.

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"It's a Small World After All"

As one strolls in metropolitan Madrid, it is plain that the city fathers have been able to successfully combine the old and the new. In fact this ultra-modern wall of shaded glass windows seems to actually frame the architectural antiquity which faces it, each adding interest to the other.

Our Creator made us very different too. Our ages, our features, our cultures and our gender are but a few of the factors which can divide us...if we choose to allow it. Our Heavenly Father, in His wisdom, must have created us believing that we could enrich His world, each reflecting the best in the other.

This week as we worship, may we pray for harmony and peace at home and abroad, for indeed "it is a small world after all."

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Sunday Service 10:30 am
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Pastor J. Douglas Paterson
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Sunday School 11:15 am
Coffee Fellowship 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.) 10 am

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Stramel
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Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service 9:30 am
Sabbath School 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
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Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
Priesthood 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

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Adult Bible Study 9:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
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Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Pastor Patricia Fowler
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Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

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Rev. V. Schaap
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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
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Sabbath Eucharist

Saturday Vigil 5 pm
Sunday Mass 8 am
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Wednesday & 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday 8:30 am
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Wednesday 7 pm
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Sunday Service 10 am

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Sunday Worship 10 am & 7 pm
Wed. Prayer Service 7 pm

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Sunday Worship 11 am & 6:30 pm
Wednesday Evening 7 pm

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Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm

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Pastor Fred Coates
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Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm
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Wednesday 7 pm

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Chapel Service 11 am
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7-8 pm

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Children's Sunday School 9:30 am
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Meet the Crawford AuSable School Board

(Editor's Note: January has been designated as School Board Appreciation Month. The Avalanche here presents information about members of the Crawford AuSable District board, and some of their thoughts about the schools and education. This material has been prepared by Don Mainprize, Avalanche Staff Writer.)

Jim Tobin, a trustee on the Board of Education, is an avid outdoorsman.



Jim Tobin

His hobbies include flyfishing, horseback riding, bowhunting, golf, snowmobiling, kayaking and vacationing.

When Tobin is not doing these things, he works as an Executive Pharmaceutical Consultant for Smith Kline Beecham Pharmaceuticals out of Philadelphia. Tobin's favorite pastimes include coaching athletics and enjoying outdoor activities.

Tobin holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Central Michigan University and is a Michigan Board Certified Social Worker and a Secondary teacher.

Tobin is married to Dianne Niederer, attendance secretary and receptionist at the high school, and they have three sons: Isaac 18, Elijah 16, and Gibson 11. Although Tobin is not much involved in music and the arts, he appreciates both.

Tobin says, "Our challenge is to motivate students to learn while maintaining discipline and respect in the classroom." In addition, he says, "Drug and alcohol abuse disturb me greatly."

As he has served on many boards in Crawford county, such as the Grayling Youth Booster Club, the Grayling Little League, the Junior Pro Basketball, the United Way, and St. Mary's Church Council, as well as several school committees, many of his colleagues asked him to run for school board and he accepted the challenge.



Gary Pettyjohn

Gary Pettyjohn, school board trustee, said that "Commitment by students, parents and educators to do the best they can do to further education is the greatest need today."

"Parents need to also make time for their children, helping them get a solid education. Educators need to avail themselves of all the technology at hand."

"The greatest need in the Crawford AuSable schools is to focus on the needed high school renovations."

Pettyjohn, a Grayling High School graduate, is a maintenance mechanic for the Department of Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Division. He has lived in Grayling for almost 45 years. His son, Gary, lives in South Lyon with his family. Daughter Bethany attends Kirtland Community College and Allison is a junior at Grayling High School.

Pettyjohn's hobbies are wood-working, furniture making, wood carving and painting. He likes watching and listening to music and arts programs.

Trustee Pettyjohn became a school board member to fulfill his late wife's commitment to the school district. "I will always be grateful for this opportunity."

Irene Pettyjohn was a school board member at the time of her death.

Jim McMillan, school board Treasurer, is the Natural Resources Manager for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

McMillan, who has a Bachelor of Science in Forestry, became a school board member because "I saw a need to become actively involved in local school business since my two sons attended here and my educational and experience background would be an asset to the board." McMillan says, "I bring a positive attitude and an open mind and am committed to study and research the issues before decisions are made."



Jim McMillan

"I am married to my wonderful wife, Ann, and have two sons, Mike 24, a graduate of Michigan State University with a major in chemistry, and Mitch, 22, now working on a Master's in Physical Therapy at Central Michigan University."

McMillan says, "The greatest needs in education today are: 1. Dedicated professionals to administer and teach our children. 2. Supportive parents who take part in their child's education. 3. Supportive community and citizens to volunteer on boards and committees for school improvement needs. 4. Government support for financial needs of educational opportunities."

"The greatest needs in the Crawford AuSable schools," McMillan says are that "we, as parents, educators and members of the community provide more support for educational and infrastructure needs, take a bigger part in being involved in school functions, encourage our children to place a higher priority on school studies, provide a proper environment and atmosphere for homework and study assignments, and be much better role models for our kids today as we strive for a zero tolerance policy for drug and alcohol abuse in our young people."

McMillan's hobbies include "hunting, woodworking, building our own home, and spending time with my family." His favorite pastimes are "traveling/sightseeing, attending church services, helping with youth programs at church and spending time with my family at the cabin."

The McMillans enjoy attending concerts and other community events.



Karl Schreiner

Karl Schreiner, trustee on the Crawford AuSable School Board,

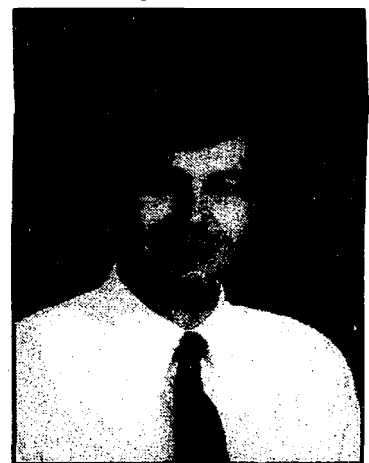
said "the greatest single need in education is a solid curriculum with high standards backed with public support. The best curriculum taught by the best teachers will still have limited effect unless it is supported by the people. Education starts in the home and is backed up, reinforced by, and augmented by the school system. The educational establishment must strive to do two things: enrich the minds of young people through a broad-based education, yet still give young people the tools needed to succeed in the working world."

"The greatest need of Crawford AuSable Schools is the rewriting of the curriculum... so it corresponds as closely as possible to state standards, yet reflects the community... To get this job done, we need to get total staff buy-in, and implement the curriculum fully, then carefully monitor it so it does what we believe it should do. We also have to put a lot of emphasis on reading."

Schreiner graduated from the Grand Rapids Baptist College, the Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary, and the Kalamazoo Valley College Police Academy. Schreiner, is a Grayling City Police officer and his hobbies include running, reading and target shooting. His favorite pastimes include also reading in history, theology, education and fiction.

Karl has been married 25 years to Marjorie, a technology paraprofessional at Grayling High School. Their daughter Beth is a senior at Lake Superior State University while daughter Deborah is a freshman at Pensacola Christian College in Florida.

When asked why he ran for Board Member, "I ran for the school board because I believe that I have some of the skills that can help provide the best possible education for young people so they can understand where they came from, where they stand in the course of history, and what they can be and do."



Brian Banda

Brian D. Banda, Vice President of the School Board, works as a social worker at Gaylord Intermediate School.

Banda says, "Schools must become more competitive...if we expect our children to be able to compete with children from other communities. As technology increases, we must keep pace. Parents and community must take a more active role in the learning process if we are to be successful."

"An addition/renovation at the high school is critical," Banda continues, and the heating system and roof must be renovated."

Banda, a licensed social worker and certified elementary teacher, is married to Judy. They have two children, Elizabeth, a fifth grader, and Jessica, a third grader.

Banda enjoys traveling and has visited 20 states in the past two years. His pastimes include golf and coaching. "I am currently coaching Gaylord girls volleyball and will be coaching softball in the spring," he said.

"I was asked to fill a one-year vacancy on the board five years ago."

At that time our community needed a new elementary school. I was dedicated to the issue and thought I could help the campaign to be successful," he said.

Marilyn Rosi, President of the Crawford AuSable Board of Education, believes Crawford AuSable schools "need to have strong preparatory programs so students can be successful in their chosen fields. Our greatest need and challenge is to meet the needs of a diverse population on a limited budget."



Marilyn Rosi

Mrs. Rosi has a Bachelor of Science from Marquette University and a Master of Science in Nursing from Michigan State University. She works as a Nurse Practitioner at Grayling Family Practice Clinic.

Mrs. Rosi is active on the District Fine Arts Committee, serves as a judge for forensics and supports the Middle School Forensics team and theater program.

The Rosi's have lived in the area 25 years. Her husband, Dr. Tomlin C. Rosi, works as a general surgeon. Daughter Yolanda, 22, is a first-year student at the University of Michigan Medical School. Son Nathaniel, 21, is a third-year chemistry major at Grinnell College. Regina, 13, is an eighth grader at Grayling Middle School. All three children attended Crawford AuSable schools and participated in the band program since fifth grade.

"I have great respect for our band program," said Mrs. Rosi, "and want to see us develop a first-rate choir program and revive the annual musical."

Mrs. Rosi's pastimes include "skiing, biking, and hiking in the summer, and being with my family."

Mrs. Rosi describes becoming a Crawford AuSable school board member this way: "I have been involved with education since my first child entered nursery school. I was active in Cooperative Nursery, Band Boosters, Curriculum Committee, and various bond issue elections. Running for the Board of Education seemed a natural extension of a long-standing interest and commitment to education."

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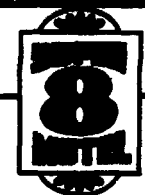
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To become an official Junior Master Gardener, youth must attend all six classes, and complete 10 volunteer hours in the community by helping friends, family and neighbors learn about plants and gardening.

For more information or to enroll, contact the Crawford County 4-H at (517) 348-2844 ext. 264.

Card of thanks

This is a special thank you to Marge Kelsey and Dr. Lagatutta for the quick and persistent manner in which you followed up on my problem.

Thanks to the ladies from St. Francis Episcopal Church for preparing and delivering food while I was recuperating. Thanks to Father Rob and Russ for their attentiveness and caring. To all the wonderful, caring friends for prayers, phone calls, visits, and just thinking about me.

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Former manager purchases The Framery II shop

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

Local businesswoman Paula Edlund, former manager of the Framery II, and her husband, Ron, have recently purchased the business at 127 Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

"We have no plans to change the name," said Edlund, who has managed the unique framing shop for over five-years. "It was established as the Framery II and people know who we are and what we do."

The Framery II offers a wide variety of framing options for portraits to memorabilia. Edlund, an historical preservationist at heart, specializes in old prints, photographs, and careful restoration of vintage documents.

The Framery II also features custom framing, either using new framing materials or the customer's own frames, which can usually be altered to suit the subject. To avoid sticker shock in the business, however, Edlund said that it helps to have a customer understand the process known as custom framing.

Custom framing is specialty work. It takes expertise, time, and an eye for good artistic balance. As a member of the Professional Picture Framers Association, Edlund uses her experience and skill to "choose just the right color frame and mat combination to enhance the item being framed."

"Many times, a customer only sees the frame, and they ignore the custom part of the job. Custom framing is to artwork what a tailor is to a good suit."

A custom framing professional, Joyce Zabbell of Cleveland, said "first of all, custom framing doesn't cost a lot — it just costs more. When you have something custom designed to fit or look well, then it's going to cost a little more because it's going to be much more satisfying."

Edlund agrees: "A custom framing shop can offer so much more

than simple framing. We not only help make the proper color selections, but we use stacked molding combinations, shadow boxes, painted bevels, French mats, multi-angled and painted frames. In the end, it's the craftsmanship of the custom framer that goes into the finished product.

"We'll also soon be offering a ready-made framing corner in the shop," she added. "People will be able to come and literally find do-it-yourself framing. The mats will be pre-cut, and we'll also offer glass, backing material, and various hanging devices."



FRAMERY OWNER — Former manager and new owner of The Framery II in Grayling, Paula Edlund, also is an expert at custom framing. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

Low income families can cut phone bills

"The Michigan Public Service Commission urges qualifying low-income residents to apply for a Lifeline telephone discount of nearly \$100 a year by calling Ameritech at 1-800-621-8650, or calling their local telephone company," Chairman John Strand announced.

"Lifeline reduces eligible low-income customers' monthly telephone bills by \$8.25 and cuts the cost to install a telephone by 50 percent, up to a \$30 reduction," said Strand.

All local telephone companies in Michigan offer the discount. To be eligible for the program, a person's household income must not exceed 150 percent of the federal poverty level. Currently, for Lifeline eligibility, one's household income

must be less than the following: (Number of Family Members — Monthly Income Cap) 1 — \$986; 2 — \$1,326; 3 — \$1,666; 4 — \$2,006; 5 — \$2,346; 6 — \$2,686; 7 — \$3,026; and 8 — \$3,366.

"Customers' awareness of this program is critical so that all Michigan residents have telephone service available to make doctor appointments, apply for jobs, and report emergencies," Strand noted.

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FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

Take arthritis in stride

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Weekly Update

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If you will notice now is the time for cabin fever to start setting in. The question is what to do? You might get the old snowshoes out and take a walk in the woods, or you might try a little predator hunting. Just get a white garment and your calls!! See what you can do. Also the cross country skiing is good now, you might give this a try!!

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MILITARY NEWS

James Kelly, a junior at Grayling High School enlisted into the 1071st Maintenance Company at Camp Grayling on Jan. 22, 1998 as a 43M, Fabric Repair Specialist. James enlisted under the split-training program, which allows him to attend basic training during the summer between his junior and senior year of high school. After James completes his training as a Fabric Repair Specialist he will be entitled to use the

Montgomery GI Bill through the National Guard. James will be attending basic training this summer at Fort Knox, KY leaving on June 24, 1998, returning in time to complete his senior year of high school.

Former Grayling man engaged

Max and Betty Haslem of Grayling announce the engagement of her nephew, Bob Jorgenson, formerly of Grayling, to Lyn Hubley, both of Powhatan, Va.

Bob is the son of the late Stephan "Bud" and Helen "Pat" Jorgenson, and Lyn's parents were the late Cyrus and Mary Yocum.

Lyn's children, Michael (29), Eric (27), David (24), Katie (20) and Bob's children Bob Jr. (31), Greg (29), and Julie (27) will make up their combined family following their May 30th wedding at Midlothian, Va.

Bob is a 24-year employee of U.P.S. and Lyn is Director of the Implant Center of Richmond (Va.) Oral Surgery Associates.



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Rickley, Boynton wed

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wright of Lansing and Bruce A. Rickley of Norwalk, Ohio announce the marriage of their daughter Patricia L. Rickley to Kevin M. Boynton, son of Mike and Millie Boynton of Okemos. They were joined in marriage on Sept. 13, 1997 at the West Locke Wesleyan Church in Williamston.

Patricia had as her attendants: maid of honor Paula L. Rickley, sister of the

bride; bridesmaid Donna House-Huff; and flower girl Judy E. Wright.

Kevin's attendants were: best man Michael Boynton, brother of the groom; groomsman was Rick Christman.

Patricia is the granddaughter of Lillian L. King of Grayling.

The reception was held at the VFW Hall in Bath. They are living in Okemos.

Kraenzlein, Shaw wed

Yvonne Kraenzlein and Michael Shaw exchanged vows in a double-ring ceremony Jan. 9, 1998 at the Burning Bush Tabernacle of Grayling. Yvonne is the daughter of Jerry and Kathy Kraenzlein of Grayling and

Diana Schmidt of Bay City. Michael is the son of Arlene Shaw and grandson of Rachel Denewett both of Grayling. The couple resides in Grayling. A Las Vegas - Arizona honeymoon is planned for spring.

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SENIOR PERSPECTIVE

A monthly service to our Senior Citizens

How to cope with the cold and flu season

(NAPS)—It's that inevitable time of year again, when despite our best efforts, we become one of the 34.5 million Americans to fall victim to a cold and flu bug. The holidays are exactly the time that we don't want to get sick, but all the stress of running around in preparation for entertaining, getting our cards and shopping for presents leaves our immune systems ripe for cold catching.

To keep your resistance up, get plenty of rest, wash your hands often and try to keep at least an arm's length distance from coughers and sneezers. It is also important to eat a well-balanced diet, with lots of fruit and vegetables to prepare your immune system for germ warfare.

What should you do if you catch a cold or get bit by the flu bug? Standard antibiotics are ineffective since they only treat bacterial infections, not cold and

flu viruses. However, if your symptoms last longer than two weeks, or are accompanied by a fever or severe cough, it is important to see a doctor.

If antibiotics are useless, what can you do? Surprisingly, there are some easy, natural remedies that can help you feel better and get well quicker so you can participate in the holiday festivities. Not surprising is the fact that many of these remedies provide fluid, since getting plenty of extra fluids can help keep mucus membranes moist and help control coughs. Water and juices are your best bet—just be sure to stay away from caffeinated beverages, which defeat the purpose since they are dehydrating.

Chicken Soup: When compared to aspirin or acetaminophen, chicken soup shortened the duration of the cold and alleviated symptoms better. It can help clear phlegm, thin mucus and soothe the throat.

IHS Home Care Speaker

Lynn Weber, from IHS Home Care, will be speaking twice this month. On Tuesday, Feb. 17th at 12:10 her topic will be "Skin Cancer" and on Friday, Feb. 6th at 3 p.m., she will hold an in-service training on Alzheimers for some of the COA staff, as well as the general public. These are two very important issues for us to learn about, so mark your calendars and come for each of these sessions.

Sunday Potlucks at COA

COA will be holding potlucks on the fourth Sunday of each month at 2 p.m., giving everyone a chance to sleep in, go to church or just dawdle the time away on a Sunday morning and still have time to make up their contribution for the potluck.

Just bring your dish to pass, your own tableware and your appetite!

Senior volunteers needed

The Foster Grandparent Program of Northeast Michigan is actively seeking Crawford County senior citizens who have a desire to help the children of thier communities. Volunteers spend 20 hours per week working with children one-on-one providing extra love and support children so often need. Other activities include tutoring, mentoring, and nuturing. Volunteer placements include schools, day care centers, youth centers, facilities for developmentally disabled, etc.

Volunteers are age 60 or older, have an income of

\$9,865 for a household of one or \$13,265 for a household of two. Adjustments are allowed for high medical expenses. There are no educational requirements to be a volunteer.

Direct benefits for the volunteers are a \$2.55 hourly non-taxable stipend, transportation reimbursement, liability insurance, annual physical, and a meal during service schedules.

For Foster Grandparent information, call (517) 356-3474 or write to FGP, 2375 Gordon Rd., Alpena, MI 49707.

spoonful of honey in it can help reduce throat tickle.

Vitamin C: While vitamin C can't prevent you from catching a cold, it can help lessen the severity and duration of a cold. It's best to get vitamin C naturally, since you'll also benefit from other nutrients in food.

Just in time for cold and flu season, the world's leading juice maker has improved its vitamin-fortified orange juice and renamed it Tropicana Pure Premium Double Vitamin C with Vitamin E Orange Juice. Each serving provides 240 percent of the daily value for vitamin C, or 144 milligrams per eight-ounce serving—twice the vitamin C of regular orange juice.

It also contains 35 percent of the daily value for Vitamin E. Vitamin E plays an important role in the immune system. Vitamin E

resides in the cell's membrane the outer layer that surrounds a cell, forming a shield of antioxidant protection. Recent research suggests it can enhance the immune system in the elderly. About 70 percent of Americans do not meet their vitamin E requirements, because vitamin E is typically found in high-fat foods such as vegetable oils, mayonnaise, nuts and wheat germ. Tropicana Pure Premium Double Vitamin C with Vitamin E orange juice is a naturally fat-free way to help boost your vitamin E intake.

Garlic: One or two cloves a day, eaten raw, provides a healthy portion of allicin, the substance in garlic believed to be a natural immune system booster.

Warm Salt Water Gargle: To help soothe a sore throat, mix 1/4 teaspoon of salt with four-ounces warm water and gargle for one

minute.

Non-food remedies that can also help include a cold compress if you are feeling feverish, and inhaling steam (in a hot shower or with your head under a towel over a bowl of steaming hot water) to soothe a dry nose and throat. Remember to get plenty of bed rest—you'll recuperate faster and protect the other people in your household from coming down with the

same thing you have.

If you already have suffered through a cold this season, that doesn't mean you're immune to coming down with another bug. The average adult suffers up to four colds per year. As a result, approximately 15 million work days missed. It's never too late to begin eating more healthfully to help arm yourself against wintertime coughs and sniffles.

MEPPS — Michigan Emergency Pharmaceutical Program

You may receive temporary help with prescriptions. Those 65 with monthly income ceiling for singles \$986; married: \$1326; with monthly prescriptions exceeding 10% of monthly income if single and 8% of household income if married. Persons who have insurance or medicaid are not eligible. If you think you

might qualify, please call or stop in.

Other alternatives: Many of the prescription drug manufacturers make their medications available free of charge, through doctors, to patients that may not have the means to pay for them. Talk to your doctor if you think you may be eligible.

Crawford County Commission on Aging

308 Lawndale Dr., Grayling, MI

FEBRUARY

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Petitions seek northern snowmobile crossing

by Cheryl A. Ruley
Special Writer

A petition "to have a convenient snowmobile trail crossing installed across the Lake State Railway Company right-of-way near the City of Grayling" is currently being circulated by the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and Grayling Area Visitors' Council.

Members of the Chamber Transportation Committee (CTC) have spent several months negotiating this issue with the Department of Natural Resources, Lake State Railway Company, State Representatives, the Department of Transportation and other interested parties.

The development of a trail connector between Lovells and the Blue Bear Snowmobile Trail would allow snowmobilers more direct access to businesses in Grayling, Frederic and Lovells.

As it stands right now, snowmobilers must travel over 28 miles to connect from one trail system to the other over an approved railway crossing, even though the trails lie within two miles of each other.

A suitable connection could be developed at any of several railway

crossings just north of the City of Grayling.

The railway company requires liability insurance and easy access to the crossing to properly maintain the tracks and monitor track conditions.

The Chamber says negotiations are progressing and the issues of a new connector do not seem insurmountable.

Public support is needed to foster dialogue during negotiations and the signed petitions will serve that purpose, the Chamber said.

The economic impact of visiting and local snowmobilers' dollars in the Grayling area was evident with the late arrival of snow this winter season. Grayling and surrounding communities are dependent on this recreational activity and the

Chamber sees the new connector as a way to create more tourism in the area, and a boost in tourism dollars, badly needed for the area's economy.

Petitions and maps of the proposed connector locations are available at the Chamber of Commerce office. Any questions on this issue should be directed to the Chamber at 348-2921.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes, but in liking what one has to do!

Happenings at the Center and announcements of things to come: Pantry Bingo every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m.; Commodities on the 4th and "BK" Bingo at 12:30; Casino Trip on the 5th; and at 3 p.m. on Friday the 6th we will have a speaker on Alzheimers as an in-service training for out staff as well as anyone else who would like to come; SHARE sign-up from 10 to 2 p.m. on Monday the 9th; Valentine's Dance at 12:45 on the 10th (Special note: error in February's Senior Gazette: no speaker on Hospice on the 10th, just the Valentine's dance.) Birthday Luncheon on the 11th; and White Elephant Auction at 5:30; BPs taken 11 - noon on the 12th. Special RSVP Spaghetti Supper on Friday Feb.

13 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Senior Center dining room. Come one, come all!!! Pancake Brunch on the 15th from 10 to 1. On the 17th there will be a speaker on "Skin Cancer"; COA Board meeting on the 18th; Casino trip on the 19th; Legal help on the 20th and Sunday Potluck on the 22nd at 2 p.m. - bring a dish to pass and your own tableware.

Congregate meals are served at noon and 5 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and at noon only on Friday. Fruit and vegetable salad bar on Tuesday; Soup served on Monday and Wednesday and bread, juice and milk offered each meal. Please try to make a reservation if you can by calling 348-7123. Menus are subject to change without notice. Lunch/Dinner: February 4- Beef Stroganoff/Parmesan Chicken 5- Liver and Onions / Kielbasa and

Kraut
6 - Pot Roast / no dinner
9 - Fish Fillets / Roast Beef
10 - Stuffed Turkey / Oven Fried Chicken
11 - Chicken & Biscuits / BBQ Pork
12 - Hot Beef Sandwich / Meatloaf
13 - Stuffed Ham Roll / no dinner

Local educators slated to help offer program

Four Crawford AuSable educators from Grayling Elementary School have been invited to be presenters at the annual meeting of the North Central Accrediting Association in Chicago the week of March 29-April 1.

Grayling Elementary Principal Kathy Sergeant, social worker Clyde Holzbauser, fourth grade teacher Dawn Feldhauser, and third grade teacher Laurie Canfield will represent the Crawford AuSable School District.

Their presentations will show how they have worked on the development of social skills in the school. Their program used the acronym GE POWER, where P stands for Pride, O for Order, W for Work, E for Enthusiasm and R for Respect.

An eye-catching bulletin board across from the Elementary school office announces GE -- POWER.

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'Have a Heart for the Animals' happening this month

If you think there's a population problem in the human world, consider the horrible population explosion in the pet world: Starting with one female dog, in only seven years her offspring can total 4,372.

Concerned Citizens for Animals wants to eliminate uncontrolled breeding among dogs and cats. So the CCFA and area businesses are joining efforts in sponsoring the first Have a Heart for the Animals fundraiser, which begins February 14 — Valentine's Day — and runs to the end of this month.

Customers at participating businesses can purchase pink hearts for \$1 and write the name of a pet or person on them. The hearts will then be displayed in the business for the remainder of the month.

This is an excellent way for both businesses and customers to actively show their support for the efforts of the CCFA, a northern

Michigan-based organization that works to help control the overpopulation of pets and end the senseless killing of "surplus" animals.

For the past five years, CCFA has run a discount spay-neuter program through which 30-40 animals and their owners are helped financially every month. That's nearly 500 animals per year that are being spayed or neutered in Crawford County and the surrounding areas.

The program is costly, but there has been a marked reduction in the number of puppies and kittens at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County.

Nobody is ever excluded from receiving a spay-neuter certificate from CCFA.

If you're wondering how one dog turns into more than 4,000 in only seven years, here's how: Based on one

litter per year, the dog's first-year production is four pups, two of them female. Second year production of first and second generation females is 12 pups, six of them female.

Third year production of three generations of females is 36 pups, including 18 females. Fourth year production of four generations of females is 108 pups, with 54 females.

Fifth year production of five generations of females is 324 pups, with 162 females. Sixth year production of six generations of

females is 972 pups, with 486 females. The seventh year production is 2,916 pups, with 1,458 of them females. That brings the total offspring of a single female dog to 4,372 in only seven years!

Every single cat and dog that is neutered helps to keep the number of homeless strays killed at the animal shelter down. Buying a heart and remembering or honoring a loved one with the CCFA's Have a Heart for the Animals this month at many area businesses will help.

Women's Health Day set at Kirtland Health Center

Kirtland Community College's Nurse-Managed Health Center has set Feb. 9 as Women's Health Day.

The day will feature health screening for women 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with pelvic exams, pap tests and breast exams for only \$30. For women over 40 with no insurance, mammograms are available at reduced rates for those who qualify.

KCC's Nurse-Managed Health Center opened on Oct. 20, 1997 and has been going "great guns," says Kirtland's Health Occupations Director, Mary Ann Fleischmann.

"We've seen a steady increase in patients, especially since the winter cold and flu season has arrived, and we expect to see more at some of our special events."

The center is located on the south side of the campus and is open to college students, faculty, and staff and community residents. It is staffed by Nurse Practitioners who are Registered Nurses with Master of Nursing

Degrees. They have been trained in assessment, diagnosis and treatment of many diseases states," Fleischmann said.

"Practitioners can order medications, lab studies and x-rays. They work closely with a physician who offers guidance and support for treatment decisions. The physician is available to see clients that require more intensive treatment than a practitioner can provide," Fleischmann continued.

The Center has distributed influenza and hepatitis vaccinations and has available childhood and adults' vaccinations. The Center staff will soon be developing special programs that address weight reduction, exercise programs, smoking cessation, and diabetic health teaching and maintenance programs, Fleischmann reported.

Director Fleischmann urges women residents to call the Center at 517-275-8799 or 517-275-4056 to make an appointment for Women's Day, Feb. 9.

OBITUARIES

Brittany Kaye Finch

Brittany Kaye Finch, infant daughter of Allison and Kevin Finch of Gaylord, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 1998 at Mercy Hospital in Grayling.

She was born in Gaylord on Dec. 10, 1997.

Besides her parents she is survived by: maternal grandparents, Lawrence Mick of Flint and Darlene Mick (Jeffrey Theaker, fiance) of Grayling; paternal grandparents, Pamela Giering of Ohio and Ron Finch of Grayling; maternal great grandmothers, Dora Farrington of Harrison and Pansy Mick of Royal Oak; paternal great grandparents, Barbara Gageman of Houghton Lake and Floyd and Alyce Finch of Delton; four aunts: Alyce Alma, Leisa Mick, Jennifer Finch, and Rachel Mick; four uncles, Matthew Mick, Daniel Finch, Jeremie Finch, and Ron Finch, Jr.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Chance Mick.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 3 p.m. from the Nelson Funeral Home with the Rev. Mark Sheffield officiating. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

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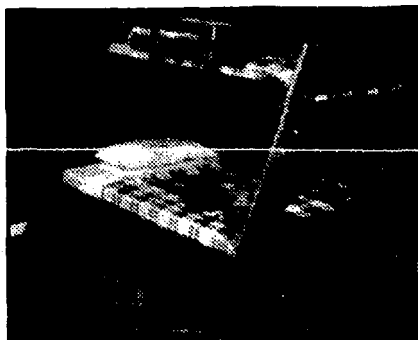
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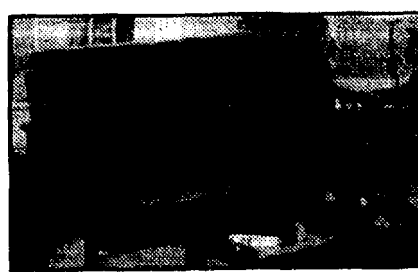
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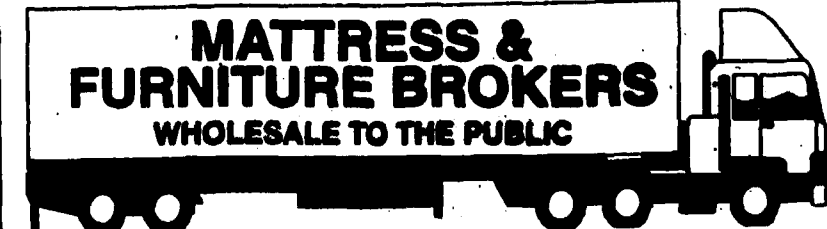
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Visit Escaldes, so named because of the natural scalding water (as hot as 150 degrees) which bubbles up from a mountainside. Meet farmers who work the one-fourth of Andorra which is arable. See terraces climb right up to the mountains' granite cliffs.

In the capital, examine the foot long, seven pound key to the solid wooden door of the parliament house, and learn about Andorra's unique government. Andorra is part French, part Spanish, but always Adorran.

Next travel to Luxembourg, located

where the Alzette and Petrusse Rivers meet. Past Broken Tooth, a ruined tower, learn the legend of Sigefroi and Melusine. Then up Rue Sigefroi to the Fish Market and to Old Town where composer Robert Schumann was born. Next see the 400 to 1,000 year-old castles in the rugged Highland Country.

Seek out the people who hold firmly to Luxembourg's traditions, and to the national motto: "We want to remain what we are."

Last, but not least, visit Liechtenstein, which is tucked dramatically between Switzerland and Austria. The Rhein separates it from Switzerland, and a 6,000 foot ridge forms the Austrian Frontier.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3.50 for students and senior citizens and may be purchased at the door. The doors open at 6:45 p.m. to the Joseph Stripe Auditorium, and the journey begins promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Surplus Food Commodities to be distributed Feb. 10

by Marie Scott
VFW Ladies Auxiliary

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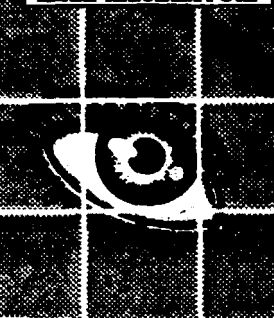
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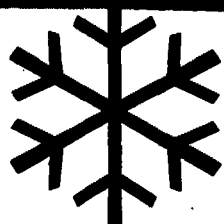
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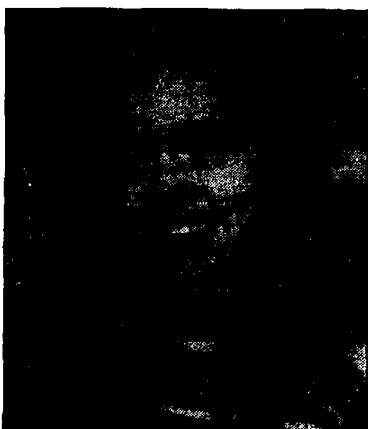
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Winner to be selected at Feb. 7 program

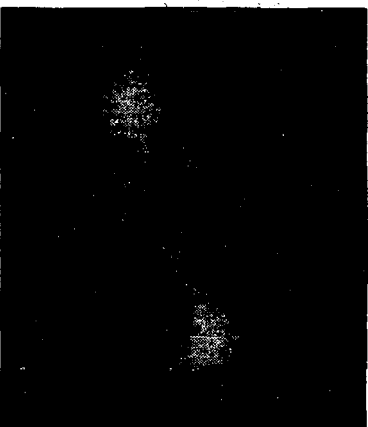
Countdown begins for picking Miss Grayling for 1998



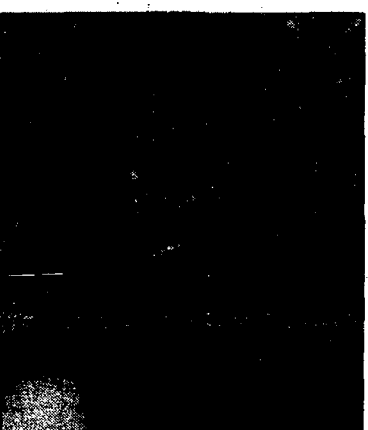
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#3 Heidie Wallace



#4 Sara Bassett

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

The kickoff of the Winter Carnival season in Grayling for over 60 years has meant a new queen will be chosen for the coming year to represent the community. The name of the contest has been altered over the years, but the annual quest for a superior candidate has not.

Rarely has a Miss Grayling disappointed her sponsor community. Most successful queens have been gracious, beautiful inside and out, and very intelligent young women. Even with some small changes in the Winter Carnival schedule — now renamed the Winter Wolf Challenge — the ground rules for the Grayling Junior Miss pageant still demand high personal standards and excellence of character from the queen.

What has changed, however, is the total evaluation basis by which the successful candidate will be chosen. The competition requirements, because the pageant has become oriented toward scholastic achievement and has moved away from strict, physical glamour, the judging process, are now organized as follows:

Panel Evaluation
25 percent, Scholastic Achievement
20 percent, Creative Performance
25 percent, Fitness 15 percent, Poise
and Appearance 15 percent.

The Panel Evaluation is a personal interview by five judges looking for personnel perception, personality, a value system consistent with quality, knowledge, sportsmanship and other relations, communication skills, and various accomplishments and community involvement.

Scholastic Achievement is precisely what it implies: Taken into consideration on this portion of the evaluation are class ranking, honors and awards, and the completion of an essay — a 400 word document expressing personal and professional goals.

Creative Performance may be any

expression of a candidate's talent. It might be a song, a dance, an instrumental piece; it may be sewing, painting, or showcasing talent through monologue or sculpture. No matter the selected form of entertainment, the judges will still be looking for originality, technique, selection appropriate to the talent capabilities of the candidate, and adherence to certain written rules given the women prior to their selections are made.

Fitness no longer includes parading around the stage in a swim suit. It has come to mean how physically fit are the candidates. They are judged in this category according to agility, dexterity, coordination, stamina, strength, posture and the ease with which they perform their assigned fitness routines.

Poise and Appearance is the final category, and it is perhaps the most glamorous portion of the pageant. In the evening gown portion, the candidates wear floor length dresses with sleeves. While this may seem to the audience to be the relaxing phase of the contest, it may be the most stressful.

The contestants are given questions drawn at random by the judges. What the judges are looking for at this stage is grace under pressure, the ability to communicate, confidence, dignity and poise during their presentation. Here is where the spiritual metal shines or waxes dull.

"It is during this final stretch," said Sandra Moore, director for the Grayling Junior Miss Scholarship Program, "that the candidate must bring into harmony every physical, mental, emotional and spiritual trait or gift and hope that each is working with all of the others."

Contestant Coordinator is Jodi Potter, who has been a pageant coach in the past. Chris Ostwald is a co-coordinator for this post, and she brings, past experience as the mother of Melissa Ostwald, the 1997 Grayling Junior Miss.

The fitness routines were

designed by Cathy Hehir, a certified Jazzercise instructor and fitness instructor. Theresa Furst, an employee of Grayling Township, is the co-coordinator of the fitness portion of the program. Andrea Binert — is a teacher of English, world literature, senior composition, and drama at the Crawford AuSable Schools — is responsible for the essay portion of the evaluation. She is also an adult studies instructor, as well as a fashion design consultant.

The evening gown competition and opening number were choreographed by Louise Tournaud, who has a dance studio by the same name. Those responsible for the interview and talent portions of the program are Deb Weaver, who works in the Sheriff's office, and Mary Ann Ferrigan, a closing specialist for the Crawford County Abstract and Title Company and a fitness expert.

Activities for the girls — and there have been many — were orchestrated by Deb Helsel who works at Shawono Center. Pat Kangas, secretary for the American Business Women's Association and an employee of Grayling Township, is responsible for obtaining the judges for the program.

Responsibility for stage direction, music and lights, will fall to Sam Moore, a student at Grayling High School.

Tickets may be purchased at Mary's Corner Books, corner of Michigan and Cedar. The tickets are \$9 and all seats are reserved. The performance begins on Saturday evening, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium, Grayling High School.

Melissa Ostwald, the reigning Grayling Junior Miss, will be on hand. Miss Ostwald, now a high school senior, will next represent Grayling in Alpena at the Michigan Junior Miss pageant on Saturday, March 1. Melissa has been very helpful as mentor to the new candidates. Her grace and poise will

always be remembered.

Scholarships to be awarded total \$1,750. All of the contestants for the 1998 ABWA Junior Miss Scholarship Program are from Crawford County, must be a junior in high school, and carry a minimum 2.5 grade point average.

The talent performances, in order — are:

Contestant Talent Feature

- 1) Jamie Anderson
- Pompon Routine
- 2) Jenny French
- Skit
- 3) Heidie Wallace
- Vocal
- 4) Sara Bassett
- Dramatic interpretation
- 5) Christa Gothro
- Lyrical Dance
- 6) Heather Bonamie
- Ballet/jazz Dance
- 7) Jean Zelek
- Dance
- 8) Sarah Kaiser
- Vocal/skit
- 9) Emily Weaver
- Pompon Routine
- 10) Crystal Pilon
- Monologue
- 11) Brie Blaauw
- Dance
- 12) Jessica Becks
- Flute



#12 Jessica Becks



#11 Brie Blaauw



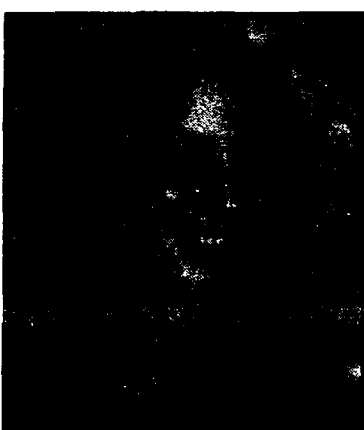
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#7 Jean Zelek



#8 Sarah Kaiser



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Varsity Basketball team topples Gladwin

by Dave Golnick
Student Writer

The Boys Varsity Basketball team recently defeated the Gladwin Flying G's, in Gladwin, 77-72. Two players who played exceptionally well were Brad Ritter and Nate Beckwith. Ritter ripped down tough rebounds and played good defense while Beckwith was on fire the entire night, raining down three pointers on the Gladwin defenders.

The first quarter was tightly contested, with both teams exchanging the lead frequently. The Flying G's got into the post with ease through most of the quarter, but luckily for the Vikings many of the Gladwin shots missed their mark.

With the steamroller drives of Eli Tobin and Nate Hinkle's perimeter play, the Viking offense started to build a lead by the end of the quarter. The score at the end of the first was 23-16 Grayling.

In the second quarter great drives by Tobin heated up the action tremendously, as he took foul for the team. Hinkle had a pair of fast three pointers to give Grayling the lead, which they would have blown at the end of the half if it was not for an inspired Grayling defense that blocked three Gladwin shots in a row. The score at the end of the half

was still in Graylings favor 39-34.

During the third quarter Beckwith started to show his skill with a series of three pointers that gave Grayling a comfortable lead. With Tobin also draining buckets from all over the court, the Vikings looked as if they had this game in the bag. Gladwin, however, had thoughts of their own when they also made a few three pointers to get them back within 10 points. The score at the end of the third quarter was 61-51 Grayling.

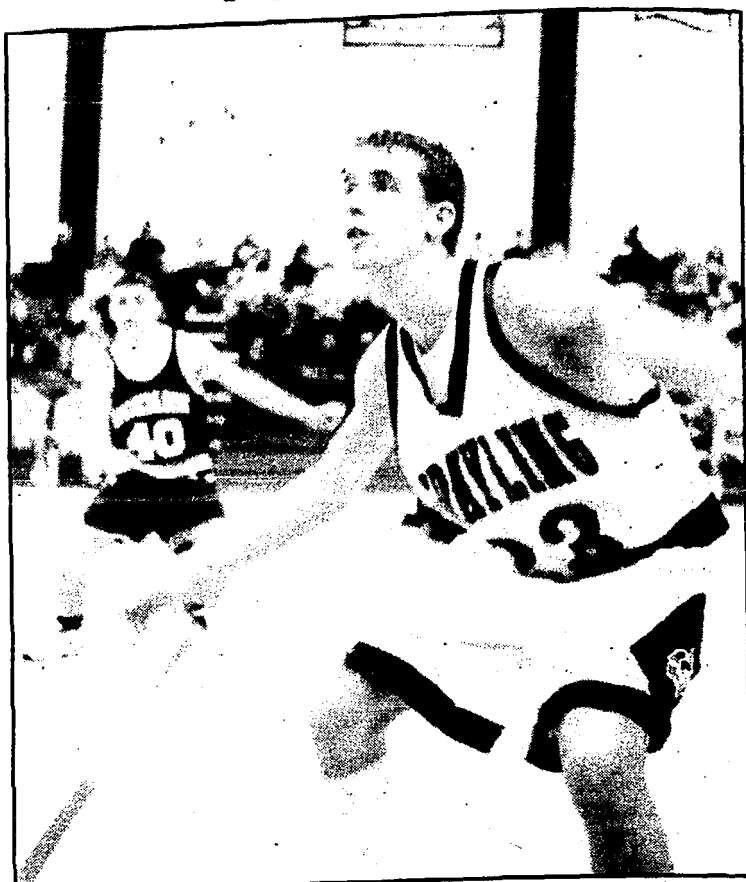
The fourth quarter was mostly owned by Grayling, as they continued their shooting dominance and intense defense. As Hinkle and Tobin cooled off, Ritter and Beckwith filled the void by making baskets left and right controlling all of the rebounds.

A late Gladwin run fell short of its objective to tie the game as the Vikings stormed on to a 77-72 victory.

The Vikings next game will be Friday, Feb. 6 at Pinconning.

Standish-Sterling game rescheduled to March 5

The Grayling varsity and junior varsity boys basketball games with Standish-Sterling originally scheduled for Feb. 17 have been rescheduled for Thursday, March 5 at Grayling at 6:15.



EYE ON THE BALL — Grayling Varsity hoopster Nate Hinkle keeps his eye on the ball before deflecting an inbound pass against Ogemaw Heights. Photo by Linda Golnick.

Viking wrestlers among 250 in big Northern tournament

Grayling High School wrestlers entered a big field at last Saturday's (Jan. 31) Northern Michigan wrestling championships at Gaylord, and wound up about halfway among the 25 teams entered.

Coach Don Ferguson's Vikings finished 12th.

Matt Evon at 103 pounds was top Grayling finisher, taking third place in his weight class.

Senior Ben Malonen gained his landmark 100th victory at the Gaylord tourney and finished third in the 140 pound class. Ben has been wrestling all four years in high school.

Mark Hopkins also racked up a third place finish in the 152 pound class.

The Viking squad left home at 6 a.m. and didn't get back until 11 p.m., making a 17 hour day.

"It was a tough day," said Coach Ferguson.

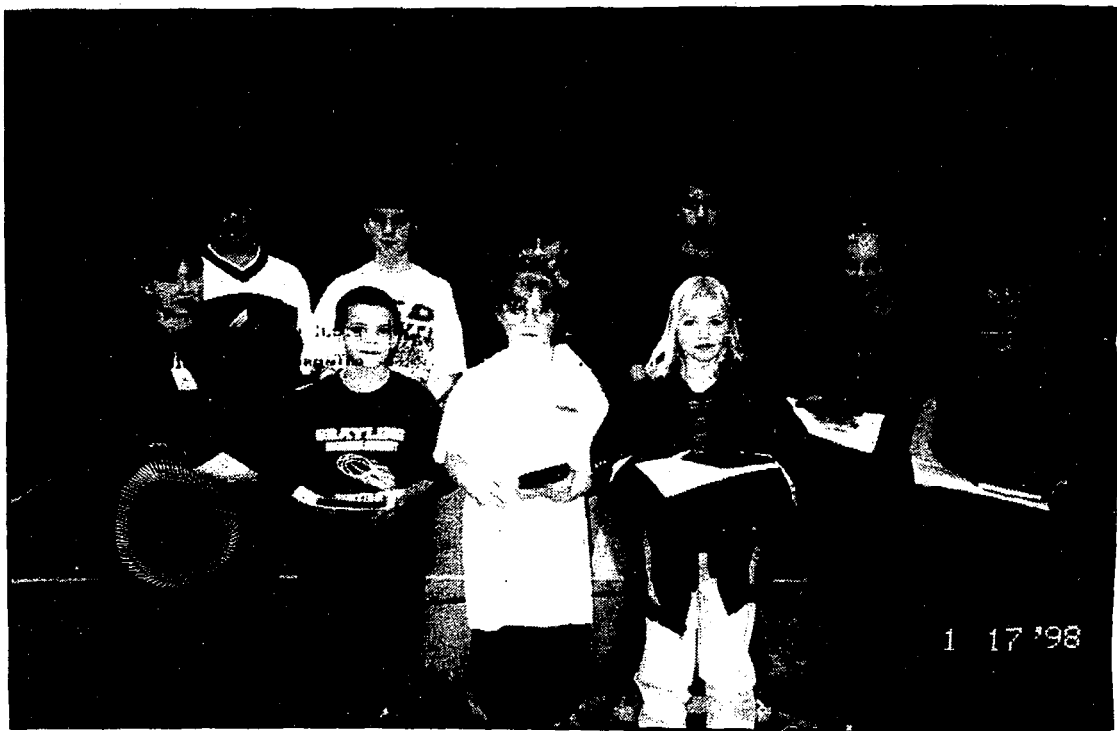
Earlier in the week, Grayling split

a three-team match, defeating Tawas 56-21, but losing to Pinconning 49-27.

Winning two matches for Grayling were Matt Evon at 103 pounds, Josh Niederer at 112, Marc Weaver at 140, Ben Malonen at 145

and Mark Hopkins at 152.

Taking one match for the Vikings were Marianne Vollmer at 125, Dave Shepherd at 135, Nate Niederer at 160 and Chris Peters at 171.



HOOP CHAMPS — Winners were selected in the recent Knights of Columbus free throw shooting competition. Front (from left): Megan Cox, Lee Kostopolus, Jodi Riddle, Naomi Cox, Josh Hinkle. Back row: Brandon Gorr, R.J. Schmidt, Kelly Jansen, Jim Sheldon, Emily Henion. Top winners will compete in district competition this weekend in Gaylord.

K of C free throw champions

The 1998 local K of C Free Throw Championship was held January 17th at the Grayling Middle School gym. 34 boys and 13 girls from Frederic and Grayling shot it out for ten winner's titles. Any youth ages 10 to 14 were eligible to participate.

Jodi Riddle was the 10-year-old

girls' champion and Lee Kostopolus was the winner of the 10-year-old boys' division. In the 11-year-olds' bracket Naomi Cox was the girls' champion and Josh Hinkle was the boys' champion. Twelve-year-old winners in the girls' and boys' divisions were Emily Henion and Jim Sheldon. The

13-year-old girls' division was won by Kelly Jansen and the boys' by Brandon Gorr. Fourteen-year-old champions were Megan Cox in the girls' bracket and R.J. Schmidt in the boys'. Each contestant was allowed 15 free throw attempts in the contest. Ties were settled by successive rounds of five free throws per contestant until a winner emerged.

Each of these winners will compete in the district competition to be held on Saturday, Feb. 7 at Gaylord St. Marys' gym with hopes of moving on to the regional, state and international levels.

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Viking boys win Burger King ski medals; girls finish second

The Grayling High School boys' ski team defeated Class A Gaylord by 2.5 points to claim the 1998 Grayling Burger King sponsored meet.

Schools participating in the meet held at Treetops in Gaylord included Grayling, Gaylord, Inland Lakes, Alanson and Pellston.

Gaylord won the Giant Slalom race by seven points and forced the Vikings to go out and attack the Slalom course. Colin Hunter led the boys taking first; and Eric Thompson took second. Josh Mueller placed fourth with Ray Trudgeon finishing 10th to lead the boys to the Slalom victory over Gaylord by a 17-27.5 count.

That made team totals 40 for Grayling and 44.5 for Gaylord. "It was good to see a young team like we are come through with pressure on them to ski hard," said Coach Mike Wieland.

The total race placement for Grayling skiers was: Eric Thompson second in Slalom and second in Giant Slalom; Colin Hunter first in Slalom and fourth in Giant Slalom; Josh Mueller fourth and 11th; Jason Boreo 13th and 6th; Ray Trudgeon 10th and 13th.

The girls part of the meet was even closer than the boys competition.

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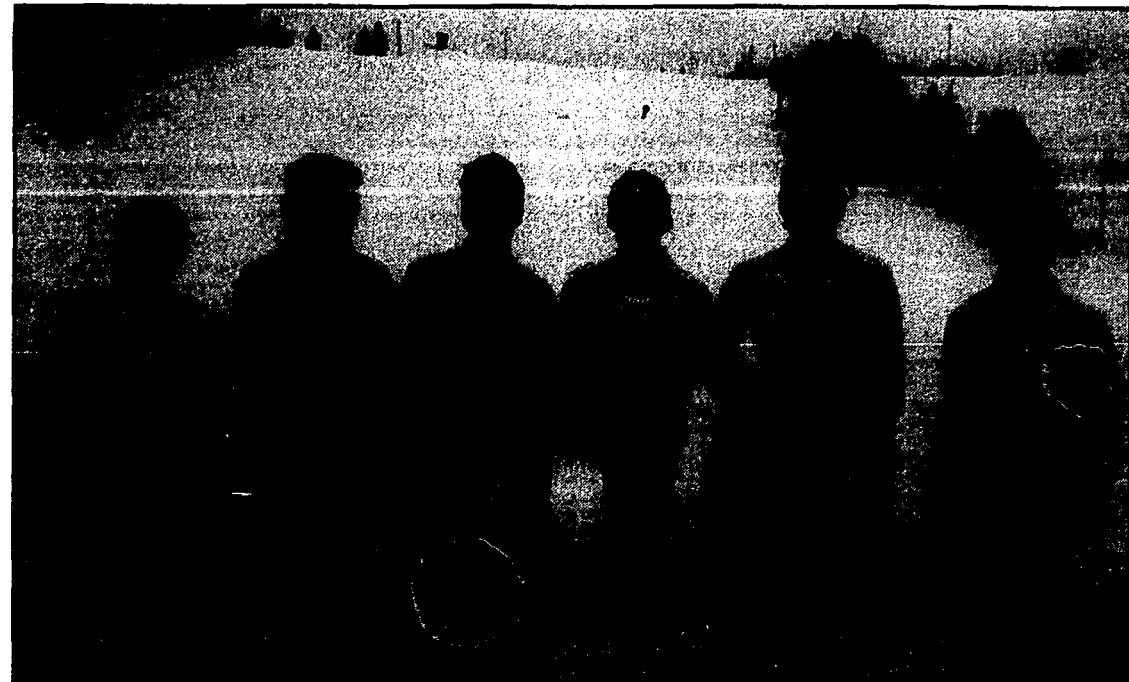
four racers, the Grayling Girls had 44 points and Gaylord had 44.

That tie is broken by using the 5th racers finish on each team. The depth of Gaylord's team made the difference,

giving the Gaylord girls the Burger King Championship medals.

Top racer for Grayling was Katie Olson placing first in Slalom and first in Giant Slalom. Brooke Ginther

placed third and fourth; Kim Hartman was fifth and third; Amanda Quick finished 14th in both races; Danielle McClanahan was 16th and 13th; Andrea Elmy placed 18th and 17th.



MEDAL WINNERS — The Grayling High School boys ski team won top honors at the Burger King invitational last week at Gaylord Tree Tops, barely nosing out the host Class A Gaylord High team. The victorious Vikings (from left): Paul Jansen, Jason Boreo, Colin Hunter, Eric Thompson, Josh Mueller, Ray Trudgeon.

Alcona, Ogemaw fall victims to Grayling Freshman cagers

The Grayling Viking Freshman basketball team was on the road last week, traveling to Alcona on Monday (Jan. 26) to defeat the Tigers 74-37, then headed south to take on the Ogemaw Heights Falcons on Thursday (Jan. 29), winning again 60-40.

In the Alcona game, Coach Doug Simons' strategy of mixing up the

lineup worked throughout the entire game. Along with an aggressive game plan that saw the Vikings continuously drive the lane and take few outside shots, this led to a commanding 21-9 lead at the first quarter.

The Viking defenders blanketed the Alcona team and virtually shut down their offense, allowing an

average of only nine points per quarter scored against them. Once in the lead, Grayling never looked back and handily won, by doubling the Alcona score 74-37.

Top scorers were Levi Burkett with 19 points, Marcus Bobenmoyer with 12, Peter Belcher with 9 and Ryan Mahaffey with 8.

"I felt our team played very well," said Coach Simons. "It was nice to see the team get their timing back. Offensively we had good movement away from the ball and unselfish passing by everyone. There was a great deal of communication both offensively and defensively."

"I can't pick a particular player to talk about because everyone contributed to the win. We played with a lot of emotion, and when that happens we have a lot of fun."

Against Ogemaw Heights, the Vikings frosh jumped out to a 17-2 lead, capitalizing on a dazed Falcon team which seemingly was unprepared for the full court pressure the Vikings exerted.

After a brief lull midway through the game, which saw the Falcons come clawing back, Grayling once again went on the attack, opening up a 25-point lead going into the end of the third quarter. The Vikings again won easily 60-40.

Coach Simons said the game "was the first one we've played where the team 'rebounded' from being aggressive, out of sync, then on the attack again. I was glad to see them respond to the occasion and get back into the game again."

Mahaffey led the scoring attack with 24 points, followed by Burkett with 14 and Kyle Langseth with 11.

The Viking Freshmen saw their winning streak snapped on Monday (Feb. 2), with a tough loss to Gladwin 61-57.

Burkett poured in 20 points to lead Grayling scoring, with Langseth hitting 12 and Mahaffey 11.

The Vikes travel to Tawas to take on the Braves on Thursday (Feb. 5). Game time is 6 p.m.

Grayling ski team finishes second at Boyne Mountain

Teams representing Bellaire, Boyne City, Grayling, Inland Lakes, Mancelona and Pellston, skied Saturday (Jan. 31) at Boyne Mountain.

Boyne City placed first in both girls and boys competition with Grayling's teams finishing second.

Top skier for Grayling girls was Katie Olson placing second in Slalom and third in Giant Slalom. Kim Hartman placed sixth and fourth; Brooke Ginther was fourth and eighth; Amanda Quick finished 14th and 18th; Andrea Elmy was 19th in both races; Danielle McClanahan 18th and 21st.

The boys were lead by Eric Thompson placing eighth in Slalom and fourth in Giant Slalom. Colin Hunter was right behind Eric in ninth

and fifth; Ray Trudgeon placed 13th in Slalom and 14th in Giant Slalom; Paul Jansen was 17th and 16th; Josh Mueller finished 20th and 13th; Derek Quick placed 11th in Giant Slalom with Matt Ginther falling in Slalom.

Skier of the week: Brooke Ginther — placed third, fourth, fourth and eighth in her four races this week.



UP FOR TWO — Ryan Mahaffey goes up for two points in the recent Viking Freshman game against Ogemaw Heights. Mahaffey has been scoring well for the Vikes. Photo by Linda Gohnick.

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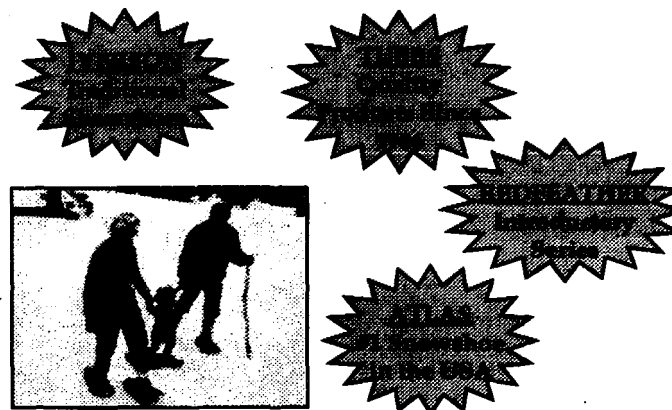
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Week 5 results -- Mens Basketball League 1/30/98

Game #1 Sawmill, 60 -- Holiday Inn, 57. M. Doremire - 16, T. Doremire - 12, Kirk - 12, Dittenber - 9; Burrell - 7; Trudgeon - 4; Bonamie - 19, Smith - 12, Mertes - 11, Wieler - 7, Madill - 3, Weaver - 3, Swope - 3.

Game #2 Baynams, 68 -- Lange Vending, 61. Youngblood - 32, E. Baynham - 12, T. Baynham - 7, Persing - 6, Hurd - 5, Perrin - 2; Curriston - 2, Thayer - 2; Longendyke - 35, Butler - 12, R. Harland - 7, Habib - 5; M. Harland - 2.

Standings after Week #5

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Spikes	3	0
Sawmill	3	1
Holiday Inn	2	2
Weyerhaeuser	2	2

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The next scheduled games will be played on the third of February at 7 p.m., Sawmill vs. Baynams. Game 2 begins at 8:30, Spikes vs. Weyerhaeuser. Lange Vending and Holiday Inn have a bye week.

Top 10 leading scorers, game avg.
Longendyke - 23.3, Patterson - 21, Hamlin - 17.6, Church - 16.6, Youngblood - 16.3, T. Doremire - 14.5, M. Doremire - 13, Kucharek - 13, Ramsey - 12.2, Kirk - 12, C. Bonamie - 12.

Scott Longendyke posted the individual league high game with 35 points, Shane Youngblood scored 32 in the same game to lead Baynams to their first win this year.



GO GRAYLING! — The Grayling High School Pom Squad forms the letter G as part of their school routine, eventually adding an H and an S, to honor their school. Photo by Linda Gohnick.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Pioneer League

Custom Interior	17-7
Ginger's	16-8
Chemical Bank	14-10
Millikin's	12-12
Mercy Hospital	12-12
Avalanche	10-14
Lady Slippers	8-16
Aunt Betty's	7-17
High Game: J. Goudie, 190; M. Perez, 183; N. Glasslee, 180.	
High Series: N. Glasslee, 495; J. Goudie, 493; I. Hatfield, 478.	

Senior Citizens League

Buccilli's Pizza	46-34
Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us	44.5-35.5
Baynham Wood Products	42.5-37.5
Cornell Realty	41.5-38.5
Stevens Family Circle	40-40
Totten's Body Shop	38-42
Sylvester's Sports	34-46
Flowers by Josie	33.5-46.5
Men's High Game: G. Wolfe, 195; P. Mead, 181; R. Dandy, 178.	
Men's High Series: G. Wolfe, 538; E. Wilde, 486; L. Essiambre, 478.	
Women's High Game: D. Mead, 194; P. Harris, 186; R. Joyce, 184.	
Women's High Series: D. Mead, 535; R. Joyce, 492; P. Harris, 466.	

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Aunt Betty's	19-9
Suttles	19-9
Moshier Auto Repair	13-15
Fick & Sons	10-18
AJD Forest Products	10-18
A. Bulldog Towing	10-18
Sawmill	6-22
Men's High Game: R. Buskirk, 215, 202; J. Helsel, 211, 200; T. Lovely, 195.	
Men's High Series: R. Buskirk, 614; J. Helsel, 600; M. Campbell, 532.	
Women's High Game: K. Moshier, 191; B. Lozon, 181; K. Trudeau, 178.	
Women's High Series: B. Lozon, 530; Y. Schreiber, 504; K. Moshier, 496.	

Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles

Us & Them	20-8
Suttles Truck Leasing	19-9
Computer Services	18-10
M.M.L.D.	18-10
Gary's Drywall	13-15
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Men's High Game: J. Smith, 228; D. Canfield, 215; R. Pyle, 213.	
Men's High Series: D. Canfield, 573; R. Pyle, 547; J. Smith, 542.	
Women's High Game: M. Miller, 192; K. Moshier, 188; Y. Shreiber, 183.	
Women's High Series: K. Moshier, 520; M. Miller, 488; J. Hinds, 478.	

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Pool League

Sawmill II	146
Sawmill I	116
Fredric Inn	114
Legion	112
Plaza	104
Spikes	92
7 ball run	Barb w. of Plaza
6 ball run	Margo R. of Sawmill II
5 ball run	Patsey P. of Legion; Dee K. of Spikes.

Men's Pool League

Frederic Inn	41-29
Tadpoles	40-32
Weyerhaeuser*	35-37
Frogies*	34-38
Breakers	31-41
Holiday Inn	30-42
Plaza	29-25
Red Barn	28-26
8 ball run	Al of Frogies, Jim of Weyerhaeuser, Howard of Frederic Inn.
7 ball run	Ken of Weyerhaeuser, and Howard of Frederic Inn.
6 ball run	Ken and Gale of Frederic Inn, Scott of Weyerhaeuser, Currie, Todd and Ed of Holiday Inn, Jim of Tadpoles, Rex of Frogies.

FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News

by Cindy Olson

OPEN GYM - The Fred Bear Memorial Center Gym is open on Tuesdays for K-2nd grade and Thursdays for 3rd-6th grade, 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. and the cost is \$2 per person.

NEW HOURS - Hanson Hills will be open for downhill skiing hours include Thursday and Friday 3 p.m.-8 p.m. Saturdays 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., and Sundays 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Our Cross Country ski trails are open 7 days a week. We groom every day but Monday. The Cross Country lodge will be open Thursday and Friday from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. with \$5 trail fee and \$5 rental and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

SKI SCHOOL - This season ski school will be offering class lessons in 4 week blocks with an 8 week option. This is designed for the convenience of our students. Classes begin the first week in January and prices start as low as \$49. As always we still offer Private, Semi-private and Group lessons on the hour daily. For more information call Jessica at 348-9266.

HORSE DRAWN SLEIGH RIDE - Every Saturday evening 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. \$5 per person. 3 years and under no charge. Please call ahead for reservations.

INTERNET - Visit us at our new home page - www.hansonhills.org or E-mail us at hanshills@mich.com. You can check out all the happenings at Hanson Hills.

FACILITY RENTAL - Don't forget - We have facilities for your parties reunions and events. The gym is an excellent place for a Birthday Party or rainy day use at only \$15 an hour. The main lodge is \$175 per day. Please call 348-9266.

GROUP SALES - Does your group want to have more fun than ever before? Come to Hanson Hills this winter for some truly great winter fun.

WINTER WOLF FESTIVAL - February 6, 7 & 8th. Lots of fun for everyone. Look for details in the Avalanche and listen to Gannon Broadcasting.

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NEXT MONTH: March 12, 1998

Walk-ins are welcome, however to avoid waiting call Sandy toll-free for an appointment 1-800-872-4074.

ALL MAJOR INSURANCE PLANS ACCEPTED

LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

MORTGAGE SALE—Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Arthur A. SCHMIDT, single person and Dawn M. ATCHISON, a single person (Original Mortgagors) to UNITED COMPANIES LENDING CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated October 6, 1993 and recorded on October 13, 1993 in Liber 366, on Page 511, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to UNITED COMPANIES LENDING CORPORATION as assignee, by an assignment dated November 28, 1997 which was recorded on January 22, 1998 in Liber 445, on Page 599, Crawford County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen And 12/100 dollars (\$32,513.12), including interest at 10.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, March 18, 1998.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel A: The West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 16, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Parcel B: That part of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 16, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, lying North of State Highway M-72, in Section 16, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Parcel C: That part of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 16, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, lying North of State Highway M-72.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 5, 1998

UNITED COMPANIES LENDING CORPORATION
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
(248) 642-4202

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for UNITED COMPANIES LENDING CORPORATION,
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025
File # 98010152

-5-12-19-26-5

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 97 4199 CK (M)
CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, Plaintiff

VS
HOWARD D. BERGER, TERRY E. BERGER, MARTIN P. POTZGER AND GEORGIA L. POTZGER, DEFENDANTS

David R. Sabin P19822
Attorney for Plaintiff
115 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5588

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that by virtue of a Judgement of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, Michigan, dated December 1, 1997, directing the sale of the following-described property, I shall offer the said property for public sale to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse at 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan in Crawford County, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court on Friday, February 20, 1998 at 10:00 a.m.

The West 60 feet of Lot 2, Block 3, Brink's Second Addition, according to the recorded plat thereof, and the attached mobile home, Serial No. 0292, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan.

Dated: 1-15-98

-22-29-5-12

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

ROBERT A. TREMIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE—Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by PEGGY S. RICE AND COREY D. RICE, JOINT TENANTS to AAA MORTGAGE & FINACIAL CORPORATION, A MICHIGAN CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated September 18, 1996 and recorded on October 16, 1996 in Liber 419, on Page 428, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the CONTIMORTGAGE CORPORATION, by an assignment dated September 18, 1996 which was recorded on April 8, 1997, in Liber 427, on Page 551, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Forty Eight and 23/100 dollars (\$48,448.23), including interest at 12.500% per annum, with adjustable rate rider.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on February 18, 1998.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK, CRAWFORD county, Michigan and are described as:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, Thence North 233.0 Feet for the place of beginning, Thence North 100.0 Feet, Thence West 150.0 Feet to the Place of beginning. Being part of the north 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 8, 1998
CONTIMORTGAGE CORPORATION
Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage
Robert A. Tremin & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodard Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
File # 2666469

-8-15-22-29-5

SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting January 12, 1998

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor Riley. All board members were present. There were 16 guests present.

Motion by Mobarak and seconded by McGregor to accept minutes to meeting of Dec. 8, 1997.

Motion Mobarak to accept Treasurers report as presented. Seconded and carried.

SPECIAL SPEAKERS.

1. Paul Olson, from Michigan Township Participating Plan Insurance presented new insurance plan.

2. Robert Koutnick, requested board approve transfer of liquor license held by Fox Run Country Club. Motion by Mobarak that this board approve the transfer to the Fox Run Country Club Class C and SDM Liquor Licenses from the present owners to the K.C. Group L.L.C. a Michigan Limited Liability Company Seconded and carried.

3. Mr. Honor, a resident of Indian Glens, proposed low income housing for area.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

Mr. Griffith who previously worked for the township, passed away last week.

PLANNING & ZONING.

Reported that our requested changes had one hearing with no problems.

Eight pieces of correspondence was accepted. OLD BUSINESS.

1. Supervisor reported status of money owed township by former Supervisor. She did not attend first hearing and second one is scheduled.

2. Storage of garbage bags should be moved to Hall from Scott's as soon as possible.

3. Suggested work session to discuss zoning changes to be held Jan. 29, 1998 at 9 a.m. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Proposed holiday dates for 1998 are acceptable plus motion by Mobarak that we will close on Christmas Eve day at noon. Seconded and carried.

2. Motion by McGregor that we accept the dates requested for use of Community Center by the Fire Department, with Saturday use contingent upon no rental requests. Seconded and carried.

3. Supervisor suggests need new sign at Transfer Site and a direction sign at hall to direct customers to back door for everyday business. Suggested that bids be obtained.

4. Discussion regarding setting up this year's Picnic Committee with agreement to set guidelines at the Jan. 29, 1998 Special Meeting. Motion by McDonough for Supervisor to chair this year's picnic committee. Seconded and carried.

5. Motion by Mobarak to pay the AP bills. Seconded and carried.

6. Motion by Mobarak to transfer \$1,300.00 to the Park Fund. Seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Sharon Hartman, Clerk

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE—Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael J. HARMER, a single man and Shanna A. DIX (Original Mortgagors) to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated October 22, 1996 and recorded on October 25, 1996 in Liber 420, on Page 219-226, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., as an assignee by an assignment dated November 14, 1996 which was recorded on January 17, 1997, in Liber 424, on Page 128, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Six and 71/100 (\$76,556.71), including interest at 7.50% per annum. Adjustable Rate Mortgage. Interest rate may change on 1/1 of each year.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, February 18, 1998.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 16, EAST BRANCH ESTATES, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 8, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 8, 1998
COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
(248) 642-4202
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.,
30150 Telegraph
Suite 100
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025
File # 97120411

-8-15-22-29-5

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE—Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Edward L. WARE and Cathryn M. WARE, husband and wife to ROCK FINANCIAL CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated May 31, 1992 and recorded on June 11, 1992 in Liber 431, on Page 392, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the EQUITY ONE CREDIT CORPORATION, as an assignee by an assignment dated December 2, 1997 which was recorded on December 3, 1997, in Liber 442, on Page 456, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve and 70/100 dollars (\$190,812.70), including interest at 11.725% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on February 18, 1998.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH, Crawford County, Michigan, and described as:

PARCEL 15: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 19 for a Point of Beginning; thence S 0 degrees 06 minutes 15 seconds E along Section line 331.23 feet; thence N 89 degrees 57 minutes 03 seconds W 1318.63 feet; thence N 0 degrees 07 minutes W along 1/8th line 332.0 feet to the 1/8th corner; thence S 89 degrees 55 minutes E along the Section line 1318.7 feet to the Point of beginning, being part of the E 1/2 of the NE 1/4, Section 19, T25N, R27W.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 8, 1998

EQUITY ONE CREDIT CORPORATION
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for EQUITY ONE CREDIT CORPORATION
30150 Telegraph
Suite 100
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025
File # 97119167

-8-15-22-29-5

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD DECEDENT'S ESTATE

File No. 94-005261-SE
Estate of Randy R. Rose, deceased 384-46-6087.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by this hearing.

NOTICE: A hearing was/will be held on 10-19-94 at 10:45 a.m. in the probate courtroom, Grayling, Michigan before Judge John G. Hunter on the petition of John B. Huss requesting John B. Huss be appointed personal representative of RANDY R. ROSE, deceased who lived at 7316 W. Batterson Rd. Frederic, Michigan and who died 6-21-94, and requesting also the will of the deceased dated 10-5-84 be admitted to probate. Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the (proposed) personal representative or to both the probate court and the (proposed) personal representative within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will then be assigned to entitled persons appearing of record.

Dated: Jan. 23, 1998
John B. Huss P15297
P.O. Box 948
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5431

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS Meeting held on the 12th day of January 1998 Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Stevens, Golnick, Ruddy, Palmer, Brown. Members absent: None. Also in attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City manager, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, Faye Bovee, Bob Bovee, Norm Bancroft, John Alef II, Dick Milliman, Jim Golden, Tim Smith, Dennis Palmer, Roger Moshier, Deb Golden, Connie Secwald (Century 21), Bob Butzin, Pete Potterpin & James Hovey (Developers for proposed apartment complex)

Moved by Brown, supported by Ruddy to tape record all Council meetings from this date. Ayes: 4; Nays: 1 (Golnick). Absent: 0; motion carried.

Moved by Golnick, supported by Brown that the minutes of the meeting of December 8, 1997 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Absent: 0; motion carried.

Public Hearing.

Mayor Stevens opened the Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m. for the proposed change of zoning on vacant property as described as:

COMM AT SW CORNER OF SW/4 OF NW/4 OF SEC 17, T26N, R3W, THENCE EAST 130 FT THENCE NLY ALG EAST R/W OF BL 1-75 368.28 FT, THENCE EAST 499.5 FT TO POB THENCE CONT. EAST 200 FT TO WEST R/W OF 1-75, TH NWLY ALG SAME 604.26 FT, TH WEST 463.9 FT, THENCE SOUTH 545 FT TO POB 4.17 ACRES.

to be rezoned from current C-2 to R-2 to allow the development of an apartment project. Mr. Morford detailed the area to be rezoned noting that it was west of I-75 and south of the Meadows Nursing Home and was accessed from the south end of Meadows Drive. He recommended that the area in question be rezoned as requested because it is in compliance with the recently adopted City Master Plan and is an appropriate location for the intended use. There is also adequate water and sewer service available. The developers were there to answer questions and comments from the public and City Council members. There were no negative comments regarding the proposal. Mr. Morford noted that no written comments have been received since the Public Hearing notice was published early in December 1997.

Mayor Stevens closed the Public Hearing at 7:58 p.m.

Moved by Ruddy, supported by Palmer to rezone the property from C-2 to R-2 as requested. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Absent: 0; motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak: None.

Communications were received and noted.

a. December 23, 1997 County Board Minutes & January 13, 1998 Agenda.

b. December 17, 1997 M.M.L. Legislative

Bulletins:

a. City Ordinance Index Sheets.

b. November 12, 1997 Housing Commission Minutes.

Old Business.

a. 1998 Street Program.

A general discussion regarding the proposed sidewalk program was held.

Moved by Golnick, supported by Stevens that no sidewalk program be started this year until a total survey of street conditions can be done in the spring and a multi year plan developed. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Absent: 0; motion carried.

Ms. Brown also noted that no new data had been received regarding the legality of use of city income tax funds for sidewalks. She would

still like a new opinion by the City Attorney.

b. Ms. Brown inquired about certificates for employees not being legal and noted that she had asked for a legal opinion regarding same at the last meeting. Mayor Stevens stated that legal under-employees recognition and was a budgeted item in the budget approved by City Council as long as it is not cash but certificates, it is legal.

c. Ms. Palmer indicated she was surprised by recent statement in the paper about Council not getting information regarding Mr. Butzin taking a leave of absence in a timely manner. Mr. Morford stated that the undated letter from Mr. Butzin was not presented to him 6 weeks prior to the December Council meeting as stated in the paper and that the matter was referred to the Police Chief who had been off duty with medical problems. The Chief made his recommendation on December 3, 1997 and it was transmitted to the Council on December 5, 1997 in the Agenda packet.

New Business.

a. Engineering bill payment from Richards & Associates.

Moved by Golnick, supported by Ruddy to pay invoice from Richards & Associates in the amount of \$408.26 for services rendered relative to extending municipal potable water service out "Old 27", operation and maintenance information. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Absent: 0; motion carried.

b. Summer Tax Collection request by Crawford AuSable School District.

Motion by Golnick, supported by Stevens to collect Summer Taxes for Crawford AuSable School District as we have in the past years on the July 1998 tax bills. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Absent: 0; motion carried.

Reports of City Manager.

a. Mike Cox running for State Representative asked to be on the next Agenda.

b. C.C.I.D.F. meeting update regarding 4 Mile Road extension.

c. Stop signs, hydrants extensions and street name signs have all been completed during the last month. The D.P.W. has done a great job.

d. NPI Wireless inquired about putting an antenna on top of our water tower. More information is needed before any decisions are made.

Reports of Council Members.

a. Ms. Palmer asked if Mr. Morford had an updated job description for the City Treasurer position and how the hiring is going. Mr. Morford noted that he will proceed with the hiring process as soon as possible and that a lot of applications are in. Mrs. King, Mrs. CdeBaca and Steve Doyle have been doing a great job in the interim. Mr. Morford will re-define the front office personnel duties based on the skills and talents of the team in place when the new person is hired.

b. Ms. Palmer wanted an update on new street equipment. Manager to bring specs to Council as soon as possible. Mr. Morford noted that he and Mr. Duby will continue to work on equipment needs and report back to City Council as soon as possible.

c. Ms. Palmer asked why the City Manager had not gotten issues to Council i.e. the Galvani Lawsuit. Mr. Morford noted that the City Attorney has nothing to bring before Council as yet and that all such issues would be discussed in Executive Session if and when a proper filing of a lawsuit takes place.

Adjournment.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Golnick that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Absent: 0; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford
City Manager & City Clerk

Subscriptions 348-6811

NOTICE

Crawford County Flag Logo Election

In the county building, the submitted entries for County Flag Logo design are displayed where all are invited to vote on February 5th or 6th, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. Ballots will be attainable at the county clerk's office to be deposited in a ballot box with your deliberation. We welcome and encourage all to partake in this specific election.

Sandra Moore
Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds
January 21, 1998
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NOTICE Crawford County Board of Commissioners Public Hearing

Be advised the Crawford County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing at 10 am on Thursday, February 12, 1998, at the Crawford County Building, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan with regard to rezoning in the Beaver Creek Township areas of Four Mile/251 Interchange and in the locality of Military Road to King Road.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
January 29, 1998

NOTICE The Crawford County Board 1998 February Meeting Schedule

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners rescheduled the February 10, 1998 Ways & Means and regular board meetings to be held at the county building on:

Thursday, February 12, 1998
Crawford County Ways & Means - 8 am
Crawford County Regular Board - 9 am

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GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Grayling Township Board will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on February 10, 1998, beginning at 7 pm, in the conference room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (M-72 West), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the proposed draft of the Grayling Township Recreation Plan.

Copies of the proposed Recreation Plan for Grayling Township are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Hall during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the Plan may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361 or FAX (517) 348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling township Clerk

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GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on February 16, 1998, at 7 pm, in the township office, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following case:

Case #98-2: Scott McClain, petitioner
T26N, R3W, Sec. 7
Riverside Sub., Lots 16 & 17
Evergreen Drive
NRD Zone

A request to construct a 28' x 36' residence. Closest point of construction 79' from the mainstream, a variance of 121'

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined at the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (517) 348-4361.

Monica S. Ashton,
Township Clerk

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Check us out on the Internet
www.townnews.com/avalanche/

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FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of February 8-14

ARIES

March 21-April 20

Watch your finances closely this week. Don't overlook important details. Help is in the wings waiting for the proper moment. Pay attention to your diet and exercise. If you invest wisely right now, it could pay large dividends.

TAURUS

April 21-May 21

Your week looks very good! This is a time for old friendships to be renewed. Take care not to overextend yourself, though, in agreements with loved ones. Don't make bets you already know you can't afford to cover. Any gambles this week are likely to backfire.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21

Spend a little time alone, but don't be extravagant in your spending. Keep work time and play time in perspective. Don't move on from one project to another unless the first one is finished on your end. Your mate has concerns like your own, and this is a good time to plan for the future.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

Sometimes following the crowd isn't so bad. This week looks to be one of those times. Trodding along with everyone else may take you somewhere you need to be, but know when to strike out on your own. Don't avoid the problems at home that need attention.

LEO

July 23-August 23

Don't lose all those fantastic thoughts you've had recently! Keep paper and pencil handy wherever you are. This is no time to lose sight of the forest for the trees. Step back from a frustrating project and look at it from a new angle. Your direction is going to make or break the goal.

VIRGO

August 24-September 22

Set your priorities early this week and stick to them like glue. Don't let conflicting duties and desires overwhelm you. Catching up on your reading may provide you with some insight into a problem you've only recently discovered. Your natural abilities are going to shine through in a crowd.

LIBRA

September 23-October 23

Take a look at your past performance this week. Don't underestimate your strengths and weaknesses. Negative thoughts will lead to negative actions. Avoid taking any extreme actions. Inattention to your diet and exercise is unwise this week.

SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

Let someone else act as the lead for now. Watching for the proper moment to make your move will pay off. Stop trying to be right at any cost. Letting others come out ahead now may pay off even bigger for you later. If you take the time to learn more about a problem at home, you'll be better off.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 21

Don't spend money on anything unnecessary this week. This is the time to watch your pennies. What appears to be a bargain now may not be in the long run. Look and listen to those around you. This may not be the right time to make a major life-changing decision.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

Don't let the work pile get any bigger this week. Take a few minutes and look at what you have to accomplish by the weekend. A little romance this week could lead to a great deal of romance this weekend. Ask the right questions and you'll get the answers you've been waiting for.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

Things could be worse than they seem right now. Try to comfort those around you who are facing trouble. Your support could really make the difference in success or failure. Try not to overextend your physical activities this week—a little rest can go a long way.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

Romantic entanglements may trip you if you aren't careful. A situation you've been unhappy about may change. Look to a new source for funding of a special project you've had in mind. You are your own best source for ideas right now, so challenge yourself!

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Chicken Pot Pie

Prep time: 20 minutes

Bake time: 28 minutes

Crust

2 T firm margarine, butter or spread
1 C. Bisquick Original baking mix
2 T milk

Cut margarine into baking mix in small bowl. Stir in milk. Pat on bottom and up to rim of 9-inch pie plate. Bake 5 minutes.

Filling

1/4 C. margarine, butter or spread
1/4 C. Bisquick Original baking mix
1/2 t. parsley flakes

1 C. chicken broth

1 C. frozen vegetable mixture (any style)

1 C. cut-up cooked chicken

1/2 C. Bisquick Original baking mix

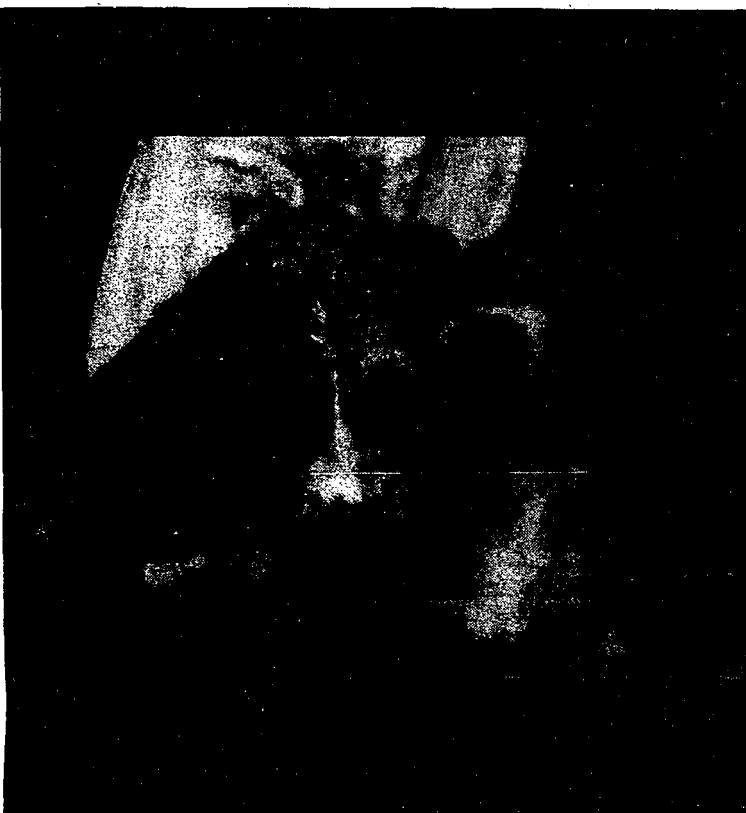
1/3 C. milk

1 T. margarine, butter or spread, melted

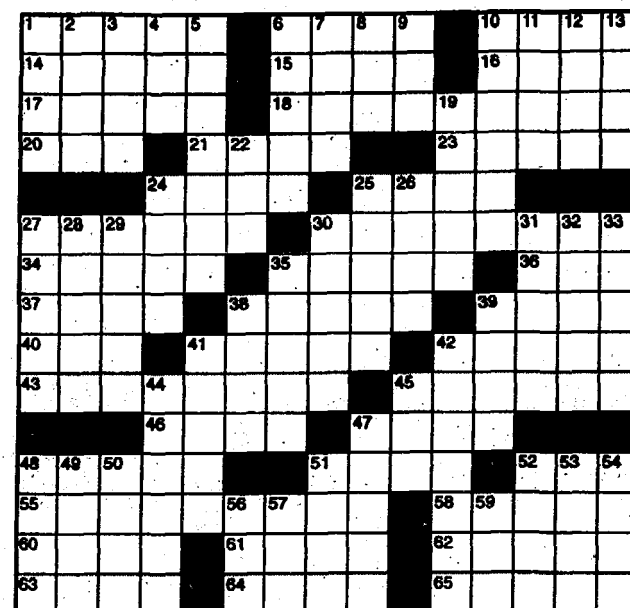
HEAT oven to 400°. Prepare crust. Melt 1/4 C. margarine in 2-quart saucepan over medium heat; stir in 1/4 C. baking mix and the parsley. Cook, stirring constantly, until bubbly; remove from heat. Stir in chicken broth and vegetables. Heat to boiling, stirring constantly. Boil and stir 1 minute. Stir in chicken; heat through.

POUR chicken mixture into crust. Stir remaining ingredients until smooth. Pour evenly over chicken mixture.

BAKE 25 to 28 minutes or until crust is golden brown. 6 servings.



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- Jeans fabric
- The Burness (Japanese film)
- Handle
- Summon
- Fencing blade
- Corn-producing state
- Roof overhangs
- Rejects unpleasant memories
- Genetic element: abbr.
- Palmist
- Liturgical affirmatives
- Hunter and Holm
- Grow weary
- Patsy
- Midday
- Debate
- Gapes
- What Abner isn't
- Country (Buster Keaton film)
- Bees' homes
- Locate
- Maria
- Lassoed
- Support
- Guard
- Guide
- Actor Montand
- Sunni, e.g.
- Luigi's love
- Dennis the Menace's girlfriend

DOWN

- Gentle creature
- The Blackboard Jungle author Hunter
- Bossa
- Mamie's mate
- Communique
- Toast start
- Imitator
- Congressman: abbr.
- Part of RPM
- Destiny
- Before bag or cone
- A Prayer For Meany (John Irving)
- Opera voice
- Deserves
- Opposite of WSW
- Chits
- Pulled
- Electric particles
- Epics
- Treasure
- Utah city
- Ruckus
- Leaving
- Henry Fowler's concern
- "I'm _____" (Yardbirds hit)
- Zing
- Frump's lack
- Shed
- Heights: abbr.
- Abated
- Omphalos
- Homer opus
- Beat around the bush
- Presbyter
- Scared sounds
- Sharpen, as a razor
- College go.
- Mississippi or Colorado
- Mom's impatient response
- Oppressive ruler
- Author Deighton
- Billboards
- English furniture designer
- Reminder
- Fall birthstone
- Punkie
- Sea-bottom creatures
- The look of love?
- Dandelion, e.g.
- load
- Valetudarian
- RR stop

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 YEARS AGO

January 30, 1975

Grayling Kiwanis celebrated their fortieth anniversary. The club was chartered January 18, 1935.

Lloyd Crawford of Grayling landed a prize Northern Pike on Sunday, Jan. 19 in an area lake. The pike measured 42 inches long with a 19 1/4 inch girth and weighed 22 pounds. Crawford had to use two spears to haul in the monster.

Klondike Canoe Race as a part of the Grayling Winter Festival. The race runs from Burton's Landing to Stephan Bridge. The Klondike Canoe Race was started in 1970 by the Michigan Canoe Racing Association, who thought it would be a challenge to try to race on the Main Stream of the AuSable during the dead of winter. This section of the river never freezes because of the fast current and numerous springs that flow into the river.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vollmer of Grayling on Jan. 21, a daughter, Samantha Jane, weighing 4 lbs. 13 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gorman of Grayling are the proud parents of a son, Chad Michael, born Jan. 24 and weighing 7 lbs.

A son, Joshua Edward, was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Wyss of Grayling on Jan. 24, weighing 6 lbs. 14 ozs.

46 YEARS AGO

January 31, 1952

A special meeting of Grayling Chapter O.E.S. number 83 was held at the Masonic Temple recently and the following candidates were initiated into the order: Mrs. Doris Palmer, Mrs. Thelma Madsen, William Jensen and James McGee.

Axel Peterson, Jr., has been promoted to sergeant and is stationed in Puerto Rico.

Mrs. Herluf Sorenson was hostess for the regular meeting of the Lutheran Senior Ladies Aid at her home last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Algot Johnson is entertaining the Danish Reading Circle at her home this Thursday afternoon.

Harold Riggs, who joined the Marines a short time ago is home for a six day leave and will then be transferred to S. Carolina.

Rev. and Mrs. R.C. Puffer spent Saturday in Big Rapids to see the new building being erected at Ferris Institute. En Route home they stopped in Evart and visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sebring.

69 YEARS AGO

January 31, 1929

Petitions are being signed asking the village council to pass such legislation as is deemed necessary to enforce the elimination of radio interference.

The boys and girls of Grayling High School were given the responsibility of selecting a queen for the Winter Carnival to be held here Saturday and Miss Dorothy May was the lucky girl to receive the honors.

Mrs. Nick Schjotz is hostess this afternoon to the Danish Ladies Aid Society.

Isaac Shirey came to Grayling Saturday and bought a fine new Essex Town Sedan from Corwin Auto Sales.

Mrs. Walter Lamont and children

have moved to Lansing to be with Mr. Lamont who has a good position at the Olds Plant.

Miss Nina Sorenson who has a position at the Gaylord hospital came home Monday afternoon to spend a few days with her mother, Mrs. Victor Sorenson.

Emil Kraus suffered painful, though not serious injury to muscles and tendons in his leg Sunday at the slide when his toboggan overturned.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kolka welcomed a new eleven pound son who will be known as Gerald, Monday, Jan. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nadeau entertained several friends at a dinner Sunday evening to honor the 35th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Axel LaGrow.

The Misses Agnes Hanson and Helga Jorgenson entertained with a delightful Valentine party Wednesday evening at the home of the latter. All came in comic costumes. Miss Ingeborg Hanson as Sylvia Appleby won the prize.

92 YEARS AGO

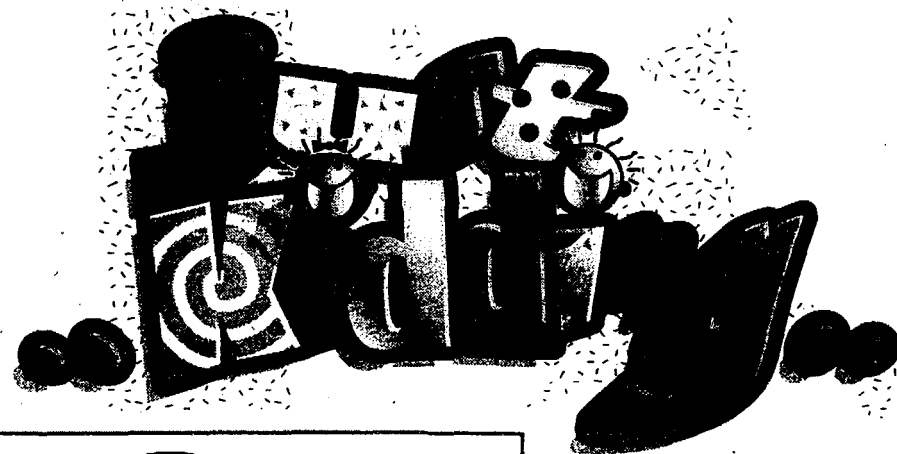
February 1, 1906

J.S. Harrington and wife visited at her brothers, J. K. Bates, in Maple Forest last Sunday.

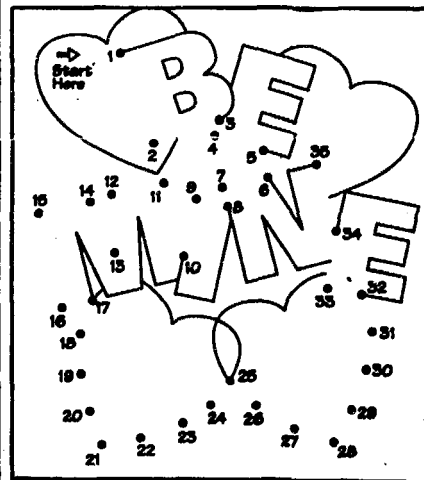
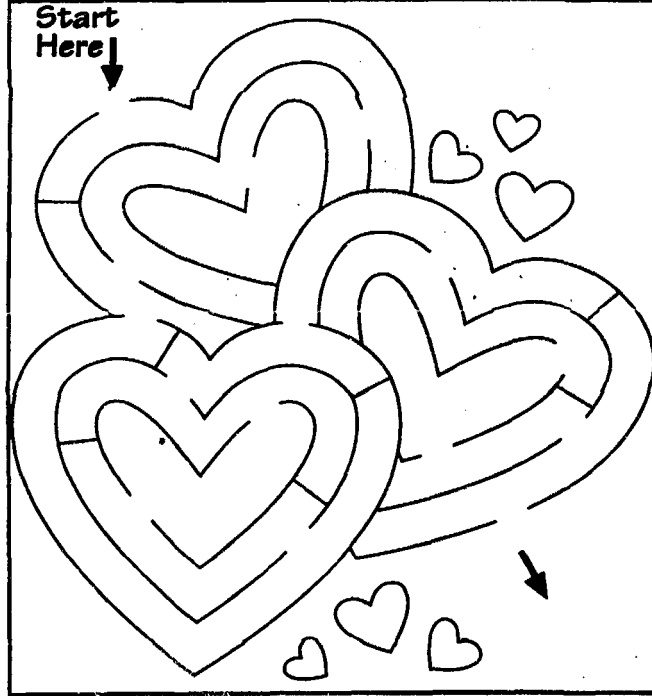
C. J. Hathaway, jeweler and optician, will open a jewelry shop in Miss Williams millinery shop on or about Feb. 5.

A very quiet wedding took place at the home of G.M. Metcalf Tuesday, the 30th at 11:00 when Richard J. Babbitt and Miss Alta L. Masters both of Frederic were united in marriage by Rev. J. F. Thompson.

Mrs. H. S. McCullough of Bay City is visiting Mrs. C. T. Jerome, her sister. Dr. H. W. Knapp is now nicely located in his new office rooms over the drug store in the Michelson brick block in Johannesburg.



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WEATHER

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Date	High	Low	Rain/snow melted
1/28	32	28	
1/29	31	28	.15
1/30	33	27	.02
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LAKE MARGRETHE 50' sandy beach frontage, full-log, two bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, enclosed porch patio, hardwood floors, fieldstone fireplace, complete with dock, furniture, appliances, rustic knotty pine interior. Reduced to \$99,500. CH-251



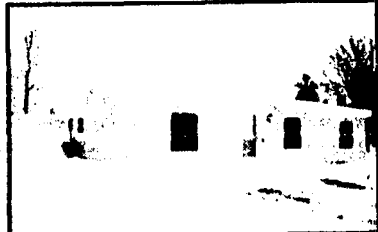
FOR THOSE WHO DREAM OF ENCHANTING DELIGHTS... This home is a dream come true! Large master suite offers private bath and walk-in closet. 1,800 sq. ft. with natural gas hot water baseboard heat and gas log woodstove. Three bedrooms, two full baths. Kitchen offers beautiful knotty oak cabinets. Walk-out patio door onto deck. Brick and cedar exterior, attached, finished, heated garage. One acre of beautiful mixed hardwoods. Close to town, but private setting. \$124,000 CS-654



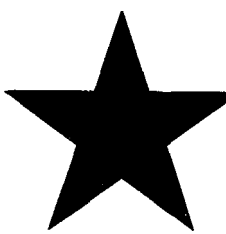
10 WOODED ACRES ADJOINING STATE LAND 1,800 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, cathedral ceilings w/loft, sliding doorwall onto rear deck, brick fireplace in family room, 2-car garage with drive-thru doors. Trails throughout property. Beautiful mature tree cover. Reduced, \$75,900 CH-627



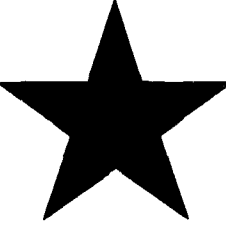
HOME IN THE CITY Offering low-maintenance vinyl siding and replacement windows, new roof, furnace, electrical and plumbing, privacy fencing in back yard, two bedrooms, bathroom recently remodeled. \$48,900. CS-635



ALMOST NEW 1,144 sq. ft., three bedrooms, two baths, vaulted ceilings throughout. Skylites, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer & dryer. Detached garage, only two miles from town. Natural gas, cable TV, blacktop road. Just listed at \$69,900. CH-705



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JUST FINISHED Enjoy this brand new home. 3755 Wintergreen Lane. 1,680 sq. ft., three bedrooms, two baths, master bedroom suite, formal dining, french doors, appliances, central air conditioning, satellite system, deck, attached garage. But wait, a 30x50 insulated heated out-building, second well, two 12x12 overhead doors. All this on 2.6 acres, sodded yard, landscaped. Call for more details. CH-365



QUIET, YOUNG, CONVENIENT NEIGHBORHOOD! Three bedrooms, one bath offers 1,080 sq. ft. Walk-out patio door off dining room. Large picture window and free-standing fireplace in living room. Appliances include stove, refrigerator and dishwasher. Two-car attached garage. Conveniently located close to schools, town and recreational activities. \$46,500 CS-682



MANISTEE RIVERFRONT 3.3 acres backing up to state land. 160' high-bank frontage. Former bed & breakfast, rustic, four bedrooms, two baths, 1,716 sq. ft. living area. Original log construction with recent addition. Brick fireplace, two storage buildings, well-septic-electrical updated. \$155,000. Just listed. Call Craig Hinkle for tour. CH-706



ENCHANTING COTTAGE IN THE WOODS One-to-two bedroom, 1.5-bath offers 820 sq. ft. with gas heat and two woodstoves. Half basement, knotty pine kitchen cabinets. Bedroom offers walk-out patio door into back yard. Secluded setting close to Ruscumunon. \$42,900. CS-624



LAKE MARGRETHE 9 1.2 lots with access to lake, close to trails, state lands. Classic A-frame with two-story cathedral ceilings, knotty pine, brick fireplace, wrap-around decking, balcony off master bedroom suite, two-plus-car garage with workshop, approximately 1,500 sq. ft., three bedrooms, two baths. Ideal recreational area with blacktop road. New offering, \$94,900 CH-604



GET-AWAY COTTAGE - Priced to Sell! This well-maintained three-bedroom house or cottage features new floor coverings and newly-painted interior throughout. Screened porch and county paved roads. Located between Grayling and Higgins Lake in the heart of recreation. \$39,900. CS-343

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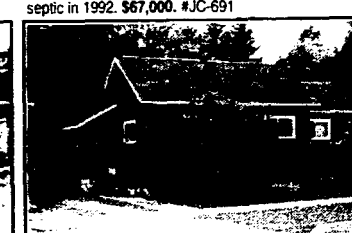
TURN-KEY COTTAGE. BRING LINENS, TOWELS AND FOOD, THAT'S ALL YOU WILL NEED Lake Margrethe access down the hill two blocks away. Completely furnished with Rittenhouse antiques. 680 sq. ft. of living space with 1 1/2 baths and full basement. Two-car attached garage. \$65,000 #JG-610



WELL-MAINTAINED HOME on 1.74 acres; excellent location on paved road. Heated sunroom with dog door. Attached garage with storage area, and access to large crawl space under entire house. New roof in 1997. Exterior painted in 1997, except some trim. Separate garage/storage building (22x38) with tool room. New septic in 1992. \$67,000. #JC-691



COZY, ENERGY EFFICIENT, two-bedroom home close to Grayling High School. New deck, roof, siding and storm doors. Must see to appreciate. Priced to sell with added bonus! 2 FREE ROUND-TRIP AIRLINE TICKETS within contiguous US and/or Canada to buyer upon closing. \$54,000. #JG-532



705 MAPLE Nice three-bedroom, one-bath home in the city. 1,236 sq. ft., basement. Natural gas forced-air heat, new paint on exterior. Close to schools, shopping and churches. \$47,500. #JC-636

#1 IN SALES VOLUME IN CRAWFORD COUNTY 1995 & 1996
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1. Real Estate

THREE BEDROOM 2 1/2 car attached garage, new furnace and roof, on three acres, five miles east of town. \$62,500. 348-7218. -5-12-19-26/1

FOR SALE BY OWNER in town. low maintenance house. Two bedrooms up, one bedroom down, one bath, kitchen with dining area, full finished basement, den, family room, kitchen. All new appliances, carpet, window treatments. Lots of storage area. For details call 1-616-592-0320. LR3/12/98/1

AUSABLE RIVER home on Wendy Lane. Lovely four bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. Chalet fireplace, attached 1 1/2 car garage, furnished. Beautiful setting on 10 acres with 175 ft. frontage. Owner very anxious. Reduced to \$139,000. Call Hamrick Real Estate Co. P.C. Phone or fax, 517-348-5433, evenings 348-8336. 12/18/97tf/1

FOR SALE Grayling City home with garage. Immediate occupancy. 135 Fulton. \$32,500. 517-348-4408. 1/22/98tf/1

AUSABLE COUNTRY ACRES Large wooded lots, a log home association development. Park, cable, underground utilities, near Ausable River and Kneff Lake. Land contract takes by owner. Contact 517-348-7355, Grayling. 12/29/97tf/1

NEWLY BUILT 1,250 sq. ft., three bedroom, attached garage, 123x165' lot, Karen Woods subdivision. 6174 Libby. \$72,500. 348-4840. -15-22-29-5/1

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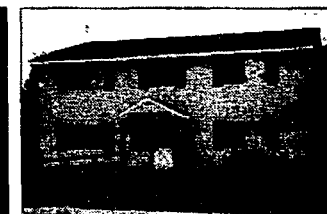
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402 PENTIST Convenient location, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, storage in garage. Coin-op laundry. \$14,500 (LW-952)



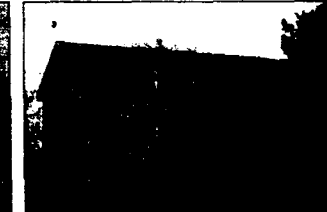
201 FULTON STREET 3-unit apartment building, coin-op laundry rate. Storage area in basement for each unit. Owner financing. \$14,500 (LW-951)



PRICE REDUCTION If rental income is your desire, this is it! New investment 1,200 sq. ft., 2 bedrooms, two baths and full basement. Now \$18,000. (LM-956)



SPRUCE STREET Four-unit apartment building, coin-op laundry, each unit includes stove and refrigerator. Coin-op laundry, coin-op occupancy. Owner financing. \$114,500. (LM-960)



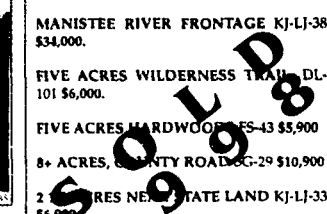
401 INGHAM STREET Near the Ausable River, 4 units and additional storage area. Coin-op laundry, coin-op occupancy, refrigerator. Excellent investment. Owner financing. \$118,500 (LM-959)



GREAT INVESTMENT fisherman or snowmobile, 14x20 garage to store the vehicle, rental income \$19,900 (DL-77)



M-72 EAST 3 bedrooms, newly remodeled, new stove and refrigerator. New state land and the Ausable. \$19,900 (DL-72)



MANISTEE RIVER FRONTAGE KJ-LJ-38 \$34,000.
FIVE ACRES WILDERNESS TRAIL DL-101 \$6,000.
FIVE ACRES HARDWOODS CS-43 \$5,900
8+ ACRES, COUNTY ROAD CG-29 \$10,900
2 ACRES NEW STATE LAND KJ-LJ-33 \$6,900
LARGE WOODED LOT, AUSABLE WOODS LM-945 \$5,900

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New Listings--Want Yours Shown Here Next Week??!!



BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY Carlisle Canoe Livery on the Ausable. Includes real estate, business, inventory, four-bedroom home, boat house, and 235' river frontage. Shown by appointment only. \$160,000 (KM-24)



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PRICE REDUCED, \$39,500, two bedroom, one bath, vacant, 300 Huron St. (one block from Cornell Insurance on M-72 East), was \$44,500. 348-4055. 11/13/97tf/1

HUNTING CAMP 10-80 acres w/ cabins, can divide. Surrounded by state land, \$14,000 - \$112,000. N. Grayling, MI. Financing possible. 616-947-1990. 11/20/97tf/1

FOR SALE OR RENT Two-three bedroom, vinyl sided, partial log home. New 4" well, furnace and carpet. Near AuSable River state land. Contact 517-348-7355. 12-4-97tf/1

2. For Rent

RENTAL UNITS AVAILABLE February 1, 1998. House with kitchen, living room, two bedrooms and sun porch. Completely remodeled with new stove and ref. Close to hospital and elementary school. No animals. \$395 required. Call 348-4006 between 9:00-5:30. 29-5/2

ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX in Roscommon \$300 a month. Northwood rentals. 517-275-5225. 1/29/98tf/2

TWO BEDROOM 14 X 70 trailer for rent. Eight miles west of Grayling, just off M-72, close to store. Partially furnished, washer and dryer. \$400 month plus security deposit. Phone 517-275-4856, evenings. -29-5-12-19/2

2. For Rent

TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX Spruce Street, \$350 per month. Northwood rentals. 517-275-5225. 1/29/98tf/2

FOR RENT Newly redecorated two bedroom house w/attached garage, in country, eight miles south of Grayling. \$500 per month plus references and security deposit. 517-275-4126. -29-5-12/2

NEWLY DECORATED two bedroom apartment, on the river, in Grayling. Opening Jan. 12. Call 348-1984. -29-5/2

FOR RENT: Small efficiency unit for single working person, furnished, includes utilities cable hook-up, \$280 per month, deposit \$160. Call 348-5433. Evenings, 348-8336. -1/15/98tf/2

CABIN FOR RENT: on the river. Nightly or weekly. 517-348-8350. 9/9/97tf/2

SENIOR APARTMENT Affordable rental, private apartment, great heat, convenient location, senior-assisted living available. 517-348-8458. -29-5/2

TWO BEDROOM CARPETED DUPLEX near Lake Margrethe, with carport, refrigerator, stove and natural gas heat. \$425 plus utilities and security. Responsible adults with references. Very low heat bills. Cable ready. 348-5230. -29-5/2

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FOR RENT: 8106 Insley, remodeled lake access, two bedroom, garage, partial basement, \$450 monthly plus security deposit. Call Craig Hinkle, 348-7440. -2/5/98tf/2

2. For Rent

COZY ONE BEDROOM house in Grayling. \$350 per month, first and last months rent. Credit report obtained. 517-732-2353, weekdays or 517-939-8965, evenings and weekends. -5-12/2

RIVER FOREST FAMILY APARTMENTS located at the corner of Hannah and Ballenger streets in Roscommon has one, two and three bedroom units available for immediate occupancy to qualified applicants. Rent based on income with limited rent subsidy. Barrier free apartment in complex. Applications available at office on site or call 275-4061 or 800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 456 W. Baldwin Street, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. -5-12/2

RIVERVIEW SENIOR APARTMENTS located at 306 Knight Street in Grayling is accepting applications for future vacancies. Barrier free units and rent based on income. Applications available on site or call 348-5837 or 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 456 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. -5-12/2

SPACIOUS ONE BEDROOM upper apartment in city of Grayling. Ideal for professional or mature adult. Carpeted throughout, ample closet, cupboard and storage space. Full size washer/dryer. All utilities furnished including gas, heat, electricity, cable T.V., city water, trash pick-up and snow plowing. No smokers, no children, no pets, references required. \$550 per month plus security deposit. Must see to appreciate. For appointment call (517) 348-8993. -5-12/2

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2. For Rent

ROOM FOR RENT \$300 a month plus deposit, utilities included. References required! Call after 5 p.m. -5-12/2

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Starter Home or Retirement Home Affordable, energy-efficient and cute. This fine two-bedroom home comes with stove and refrigerator. Freshly-painted interior and new kitchen floor. \$38,900. #3536 Ask for Bob Pollack!



2.5 Acres Close to Lakes, Rivers, Snowmobile Trails and State Land This three-bedroom home would be fantastic for an up-north getaway or a year-around residence. Located about 7 miles from town on a nicely-treed parcel of land. \$27,000. #4102 Ask for Bob Pollack!



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1,900 Square Foot Home located close to Lake Margrethe features five bedrooms, two bathrooms, living room and family room. \$83,500. #4191 Ask for John Kuszak!



Located in the City of Grayling is this fine starter/rental investment home. Located close to the schools and hospital has many updates including new roof. Immediate occupancy. \$29,000. #4199 Ask for Connie Winans!



Zoned Commercial This 30'x72' garage, sitting on 19 acres, has two offices—one located downstairs and one upstairs, which is carpeted and equipped with small kitchen. Possible lease or build to suit. \$149,900. #4174 Ask for Jim Wiltse!



This Two-Bedroom Home is located on a county-maintained road. Features detached garage and is adjoining state land, close to lakes, rivers and all your "up-north" outdoor activities. \$54,900. #4198 Ask for Jim Wiltse!



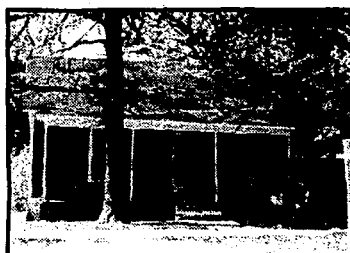
Very Well Maintained 4-5 bedroom home has a fantastic location in the City of Grayling. Large spacious rooms throughout. Current use is duplex rental, however only minimal labor to convert back into single-family dwelling. \$89,500. #4187 Ask for Connie Winans!



Well-Maintained Mobile Home Offers new metal roof, new water tank, new furnace, new well pump. Great location for snowmobiling and fishing the famous AuSable River (North Branch). \$28,500. #4207 Ask for Debbie Bondar



Riverfront Home Full-log home sits on 234 feet of frontage on the AuSable. Featuring 2,304 sq. ft., three bedrooms, three bathrooms, attached garage, skylights and covered porch. \$129,000 #4092 Ask for Debbie Bondar!



Nice Two-Bedroom Starter Home Located in the City of Grayling. Featuring new fixtures and new carpet in the living room, kitchen and bedroom. Nice backyard, covered front porch, new screen door and attached workshop. \$26,900 #4097 Ask for Debbie Bondar!



Very Nice Property and Mobile Home with two additions. Featuring 11.7 acres, covered porch and two-car garage. \$57,900 #4154 Ask for Debbie Bondar!



Affordable Up-North Get-Away Two-bedroom mobile home comes mostly furnished. Small log cabin has electricity, heater and hand-pump well. Located on 1.8 acres, in "as is" condition. \$15,000 #3911 Ask for Connie Winans!



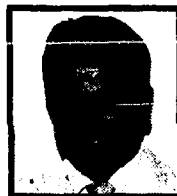
Snowmobiler's Delight! Comes Furnished Nice neat cabin backs up to state land. Comes with all furnishings, and is ready to move in and use. New 3/4 bathroom. Close to restaurants, store, gas station and trails! \$17,900 #4040 Ask for Connie Winans!



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